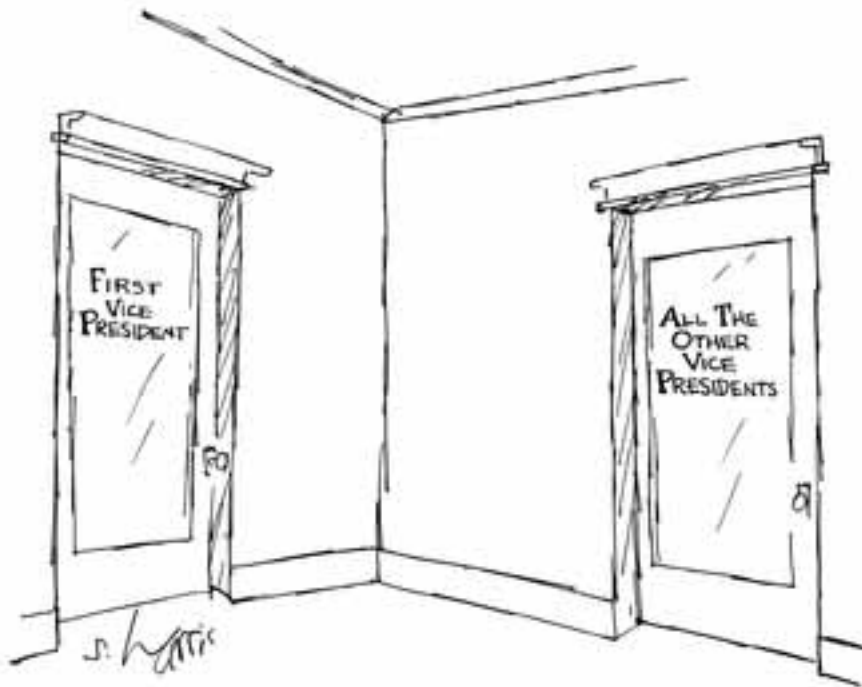
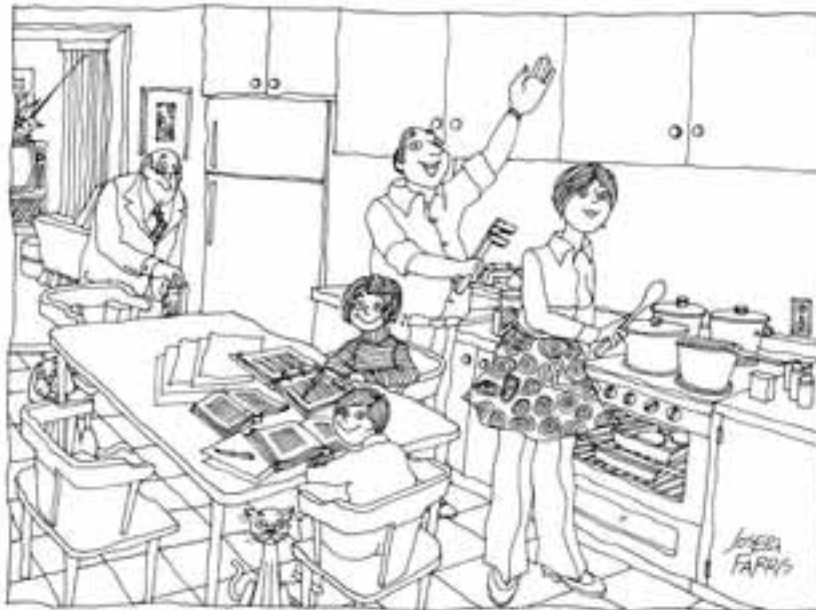




“Actually, Harold’s crazy about me—he just doesn’t act out.”





Simulated Picture





“Who? What? Where? Why? And when?”





“Grimsby has opted for phased retirement.”



"Are you going to fall off that damn stool every time he hits a clinker?"



*“Of course, there were years of anonymity before we
were recognized as young collectors.”*



“Sweetie, will you help me with my tie?”



Champagne



*"Thank heavens! I was beginning to think that
people like me had ceased to exist."*





"I'm afraid I'll still require one more form of identification."



"Last week, the management of this station wished our listeners a happy New Year. Here now is Mr. Clyde Wilmer with an opposing view."



"We have fourteen cats, but Kevin thinks we only have twelve."







“Norman Mailer, meet Gore Vidal. Ha-ha, just kidding.”



"I had a ball, in my humble opinion."

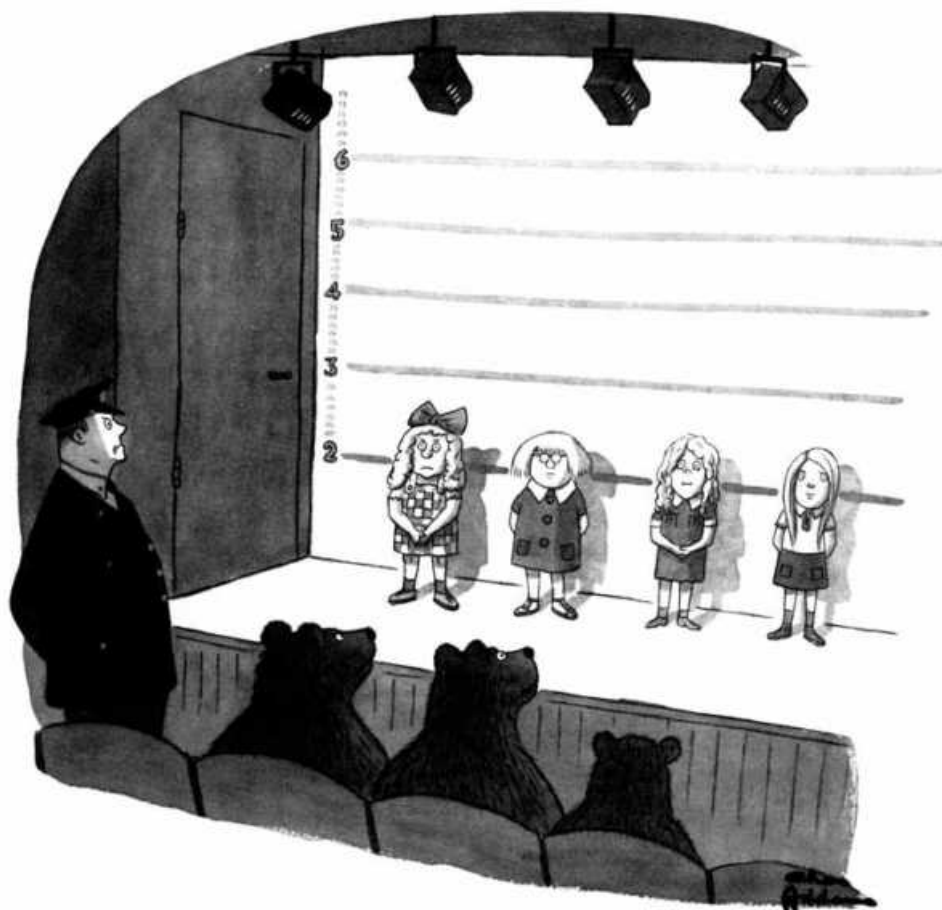


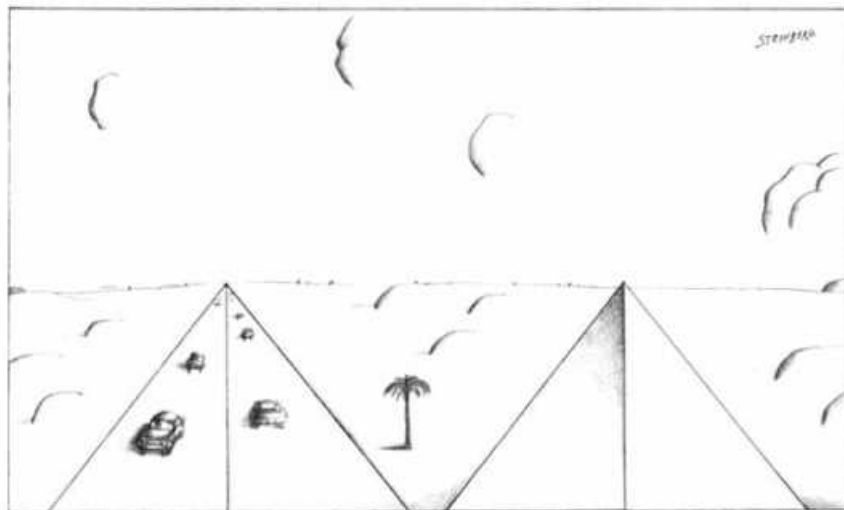
*“Oh dear, I think Woodridge is about to overstep
the boundaries of good taste.”*



*"This is not, after all, the
Middle Ages. This is 1978."*

"1979."



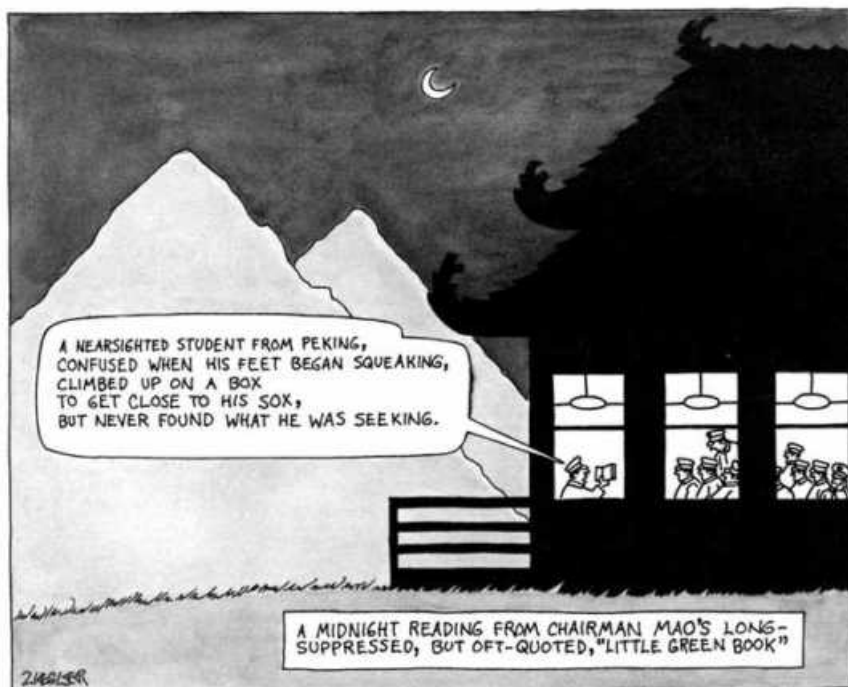




“Good news, Sire. The mail today is all homage.”



"Let's disco, you old stodgy!"

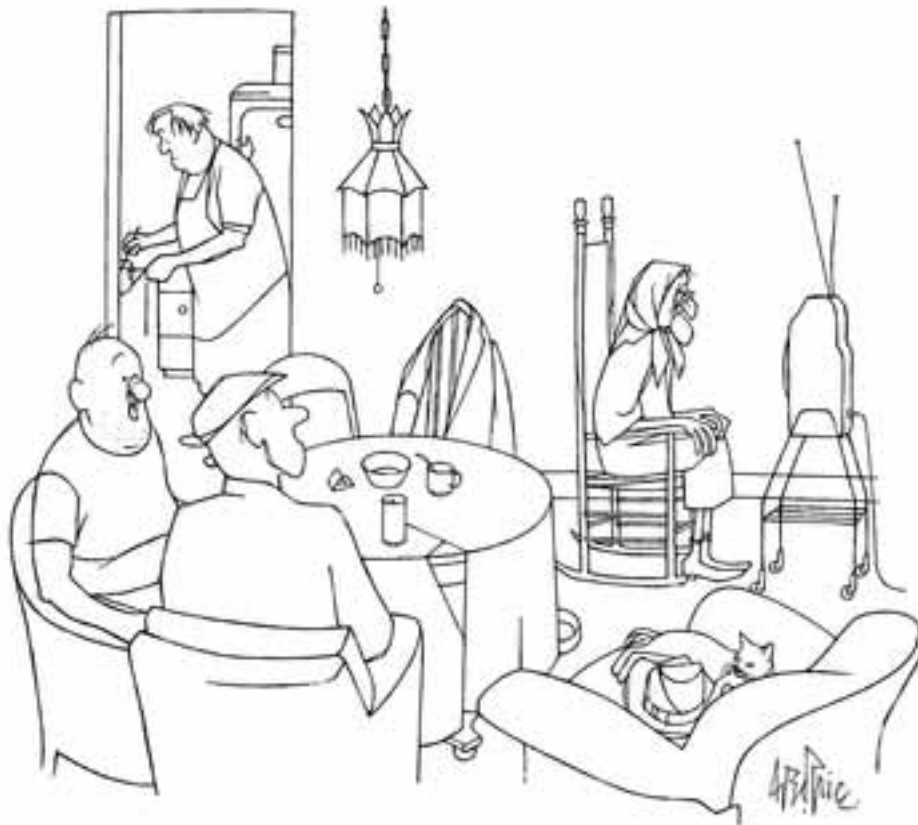






"Everyone simply adores her, but he's the interesting one."





"Gwen's aunt. She came upon a midnight dreary."



“That’s what we are, all right—survivors! People will say, ‘Hey, those two are real survivors! Talk about survivors—look at those two!’ Yes, sirree, no doubt about it, when it comes to survivors, we really . . .”





“Actually, I’m not a vegetarian at all. It’s just that I never see anything else I’d care to eat.”



*"All you need is a bicycle pump, an ordinary deck of playing cards,
a pair of deerskin slippers, and you're ready to begin."*



"The perfect Martini. Failing that, the near-perfect Martini."





*"Damn it, Hollingford, I wish you wouldn't drape yourself
all over my desk when I'm talking to you."*



“You take Republican Visa cards, I presume?”







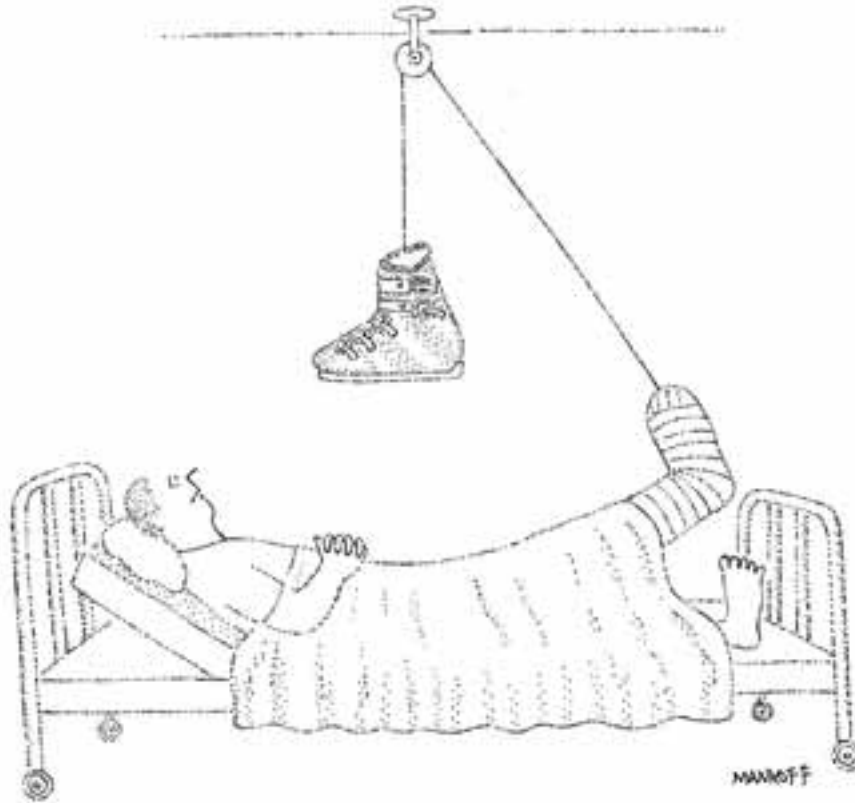
“That metallic grinding means her throwout bearings are shot. She’s backfiring through her carburetor. The tick indicates transmission trouble, and the smoke means she’s on fire.”



"Crumpacker, you've come a long, long way. Perhaps too long a way."



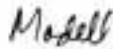
"This much is certain. We're going to be a lot less thing-oriented in '79."





"Here, Cartwright, let an old Eagle Scout have a go at that."





“Do you fly to any countries where the moral climate hasn’t hopelessly deteriorated?”



"So it's ticktock, is it?"





"This is a first!"



"Tell me, Clarisse. Do you think you'll ever stop seething?"

RUDENESS GALORE





“Daniel has become indifferent to weather conditions.”



*"Simon & Schuster just bought my
no-holds-barred life with you."*



“Replenishment! Replenishment!”





"Now, remember, feed the cats twice a day, water the plants once a week, and this is a list of the programs we want videotaped."



*"Oh, nothing much, Hadley. Still trying to make a buck.
And how's it with you?"*



“Ladies and gentlemen and Teddy bears of the jury . . .”



"I want you to draft the bill with all your usual precision and flair. Explain its purposes, justify its expenditures, emphasize how it fits the broad aims of democratic progress. And one other thing: Can you make it sound like a tax cut?"





“Once it catches on, the small-horse household-pet idea will go like blazes. And you may quote Mr. Pudney on that.”



"Would you excuse me, Miss Arkwright? I just remembered that I promised to forsake all others."





"I keep getting the feeling we're being watched."



“Oh, retirement’s all right, I guess, but I miss seeing the way their faces lit up when I forked over the bribes.”





Clown Family

William Steig (1/22/1979)

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TUESDAY NIGHT FEVER

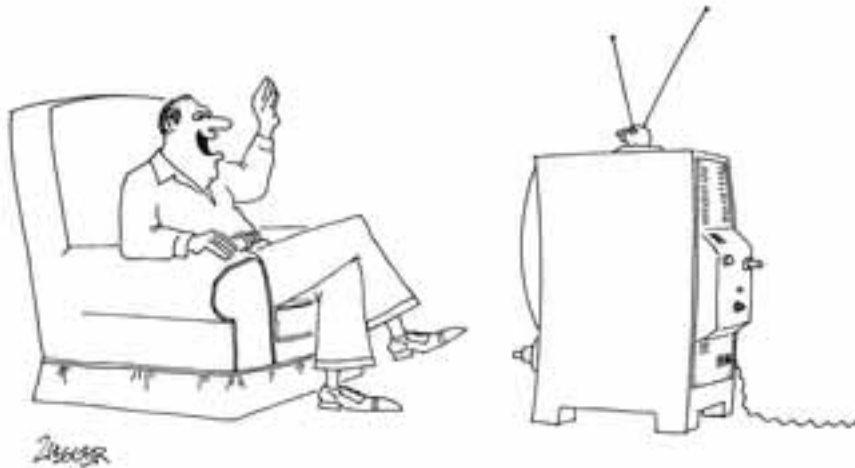




"We've decided to tough it out this winter."



"Twenty-four years old, and he already has a pseudonym."



“Hiya, Johnny! Who are your guests tonight? Don Rickles? A funny man. A funny man. A funny, funny, funny man. Charo? Hi, Charo! Love your hair. Gonna dance for us tonight, Charo? That’s good! Glen Campbell? I love this guy. I’m a rhinestone cowboy—right, Glen? Ha-ha-ha. Ha-ha-ha-ha. Carl Sagan? Whoops! You’ll be on way past my bedtime, Carl. Say hi to Carl for me, though, will you, Johnny?”



"First, I'd like to read a poem I wrote when I was five years old."



*"Last year, I was sharp all the way through. This year,
can't seem to get started."*





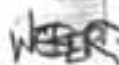
Which of my points is 'moot'?"



“Tell me, Cosgrove. Are any of my ideas seeping down to the people?”



"If you were Taiwan, Mac, what would you do?"



"If my mother and father had wanted to see Yves Saint Laurent's initials on my possessions, one supposes they would have named me Yves Saint Laurent."



"Just where would you be without me?"

"Sri Lanka."



“Fred decided a long time ago—‘You can’t please everybody.’”



"I'll miss you. 'Mary' is a grand old name."



"Take your pick. Happy about China or depressed about Cleveland."



"And now I think I'll have a little drink."





"Say something funny, even if it's contrived."



*“Thank God you’re here. Walter has been
Barry Manilowing us to death.”*



"Greater love hath no dog."



"O.K., O.K., I lied. O.K.?"



"Just who do you think you're calling a yo-yo?"





"This painting, we're sorry to say, is pure trash."



"It's a really good feeling. I was always 'Congressman Bothelder,' but now they've begun to call me 'the durable Congressman Bothelder.'"



"No, thanks—I don't do bubble gum."



*"In 1976, Alfred and his company were swallowed up by
a conglomerate, and we haven't seen him since."*



*“Come on in, Donald, and reacquaint yourself with
the meaning of fun.”*



*"The man's obviously either a liar or a fool, Ethel.
There was no mention of this in the 'Times.'"*



“This is my brother Billy—but he’s terrific.”



*"Lately I've had the awful feeling that my marriage
is tied to the dollar."*





*“Have you noticed? As the company gets bigger and bigger,
T. L. Perkins is getting smaller and smaller.”*



*"I'm sick of everybody criticizing the phone company and Con Ed.
Who they should be criticizing is my cleaning lady."*



"I've decided that when I get out of here I'm definitely going to pamper myself."



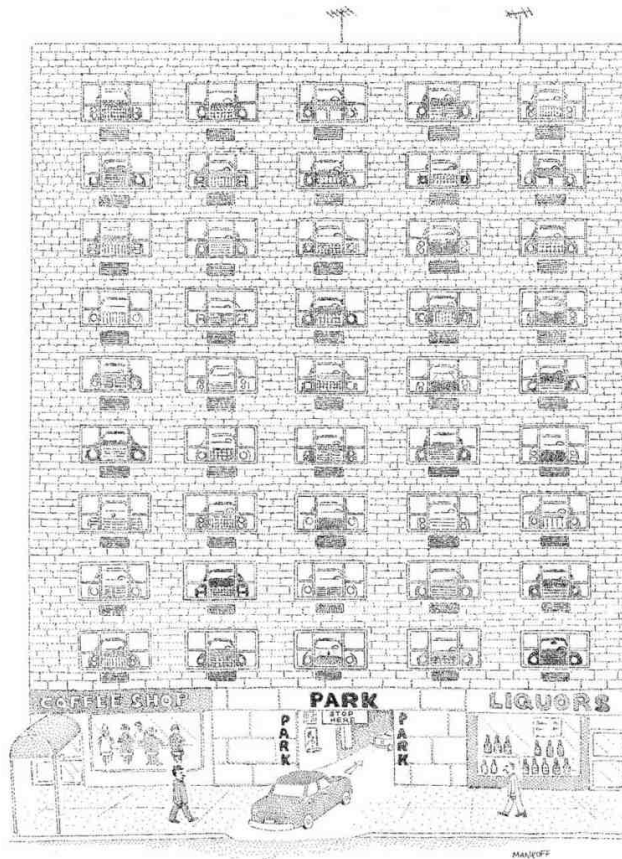
*“And what’s more, Dimpton, the chemistry between
us isn’t so hot, either!”*



Lodge Brothers

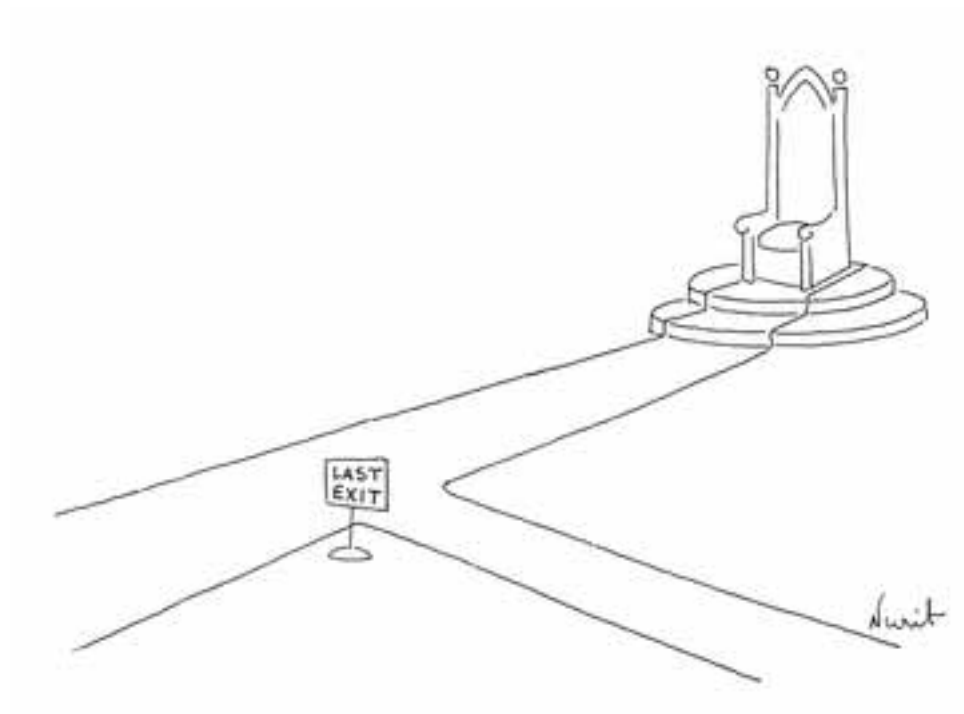


*“Come in, Walker—we’ve an interesting development.
Farrington seems to be in touch with Bernard Baruch.”*





*"You're not high tech. You're middle tech.
Middle middle middle tech!"*





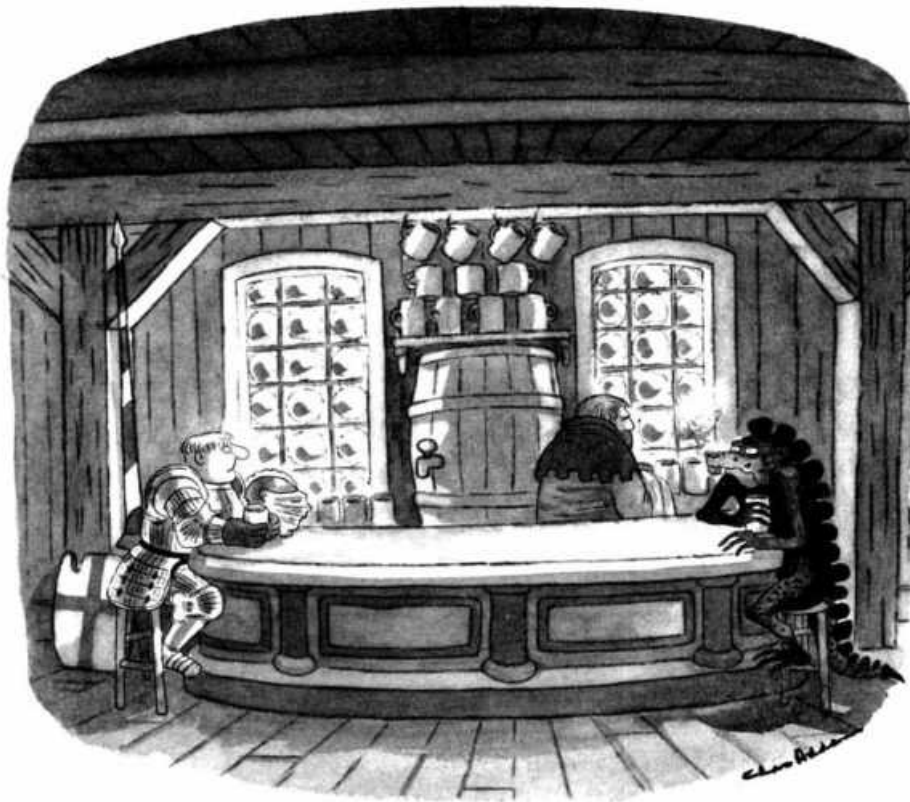
“He’s looking right at you, too. I hope you’re proud of yourself for saving eight cents on that brand.”



“More special effects!”



*"Sit down, Brother Jonathan. I'd like to bounce
a few thoughts off your noggin."*

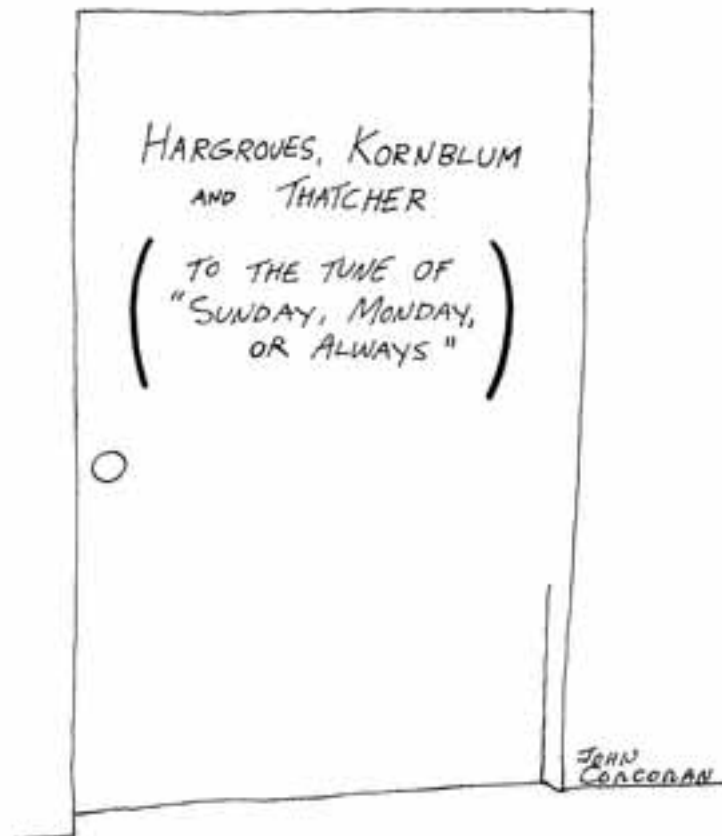




*“Damn it, Hester, you knew I brooded about the
Republican Party when you married me!”*



“Templeton has been catching crappies all morning on a jig. He snagged a seven-pound bass on a Mississippi silverside minnow, and now he’s after a monstrous channel cat with a stinkball. You’d better wake him before he goes over the limit.”





“Arthur Hancock, first baseman, and his lawyer.”



“For openers—good morning, Martha.”





“Don’t pull that ‘innocent’ routine on me.”



“Just listen to that!”



"I'm afraid I'm past smiling and all that sort of thing."



"Sometimes I don't know if I'm coming or going."



"Well, well, Mr. Guthrie and Mrs. Penrose seem to have hit it off."

Jimmy's Little World



Roz Chast





"She buys my clothes and I buy hers."





“But I thought once the I.R.S. applied a penalty, that was the end of it.”





*"All those in favor of declaring the military budget
sacrosanct raise their right hand."*



"You leave nothing to the imagination."





“Funding for the ‘Dick Cavett Show’ has been provided by this station and other public-television stations, and by a grant from the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, with additional funding from Allen Services Corporation.”



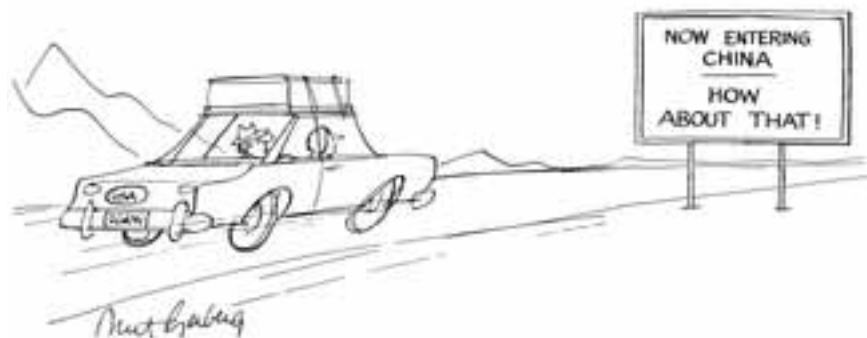
"I know you need a new suit, but first things first!"



"No pun intended."



"I'm afraid there's been some mistake."





"That necktie of yours rattled every damn window in the house."



“When the children have all grown up, we hope to move back to the city.”



*"Of course you don't understand it.
He's an artists' artist."*





"I've been examining the brighter side, and, gentlemen, it doesn't look good."



*"I've been huddling with Cheryl Tiegs and Swifty Lazar.
Where the hell do you think I've been?"*



“My family was very poor, and I never finished school. But in this great land of ours you don’t have to be defeated by such things, even though I was.”



"Stuffy is a defense mechanism."





"Come in and let me take your coat."



"It's Monday night, hon—time for trivia quiz!"





*"You stay here and watch our markets in
the States. I'll open China."*



“Say, isn’t that Saunders, Brown, Orito, Smith, Smedley & Parks?”



“When did you start dotting your ‘i’s with little stars?”





"It's kind of nice. My book and I are coming out the same day."



"I'll explain it to you, Stevie. It's called perspective."



“According to the ‘Times,’ I’m ‘superb.’”



*"Are you sure you have the right person? The
F.B.I. gave me a new identity."*



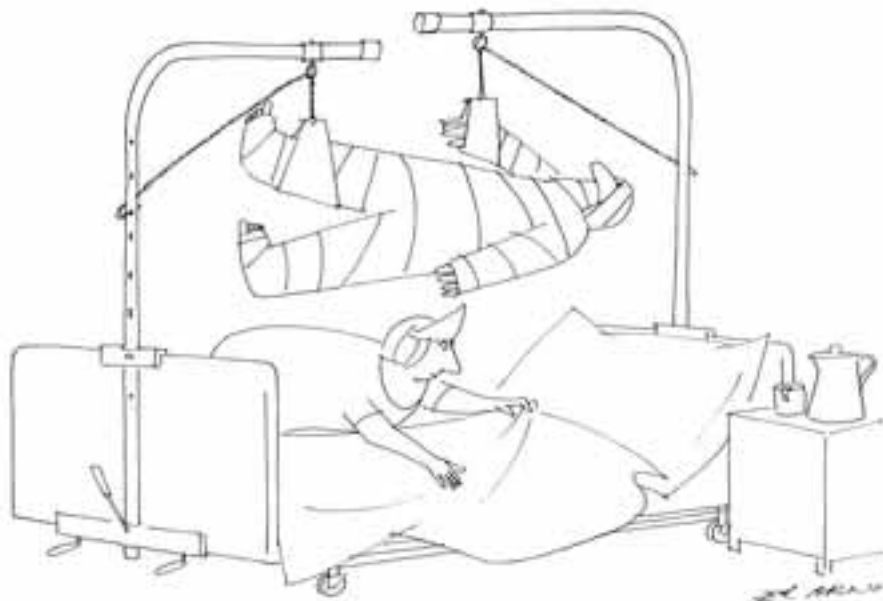


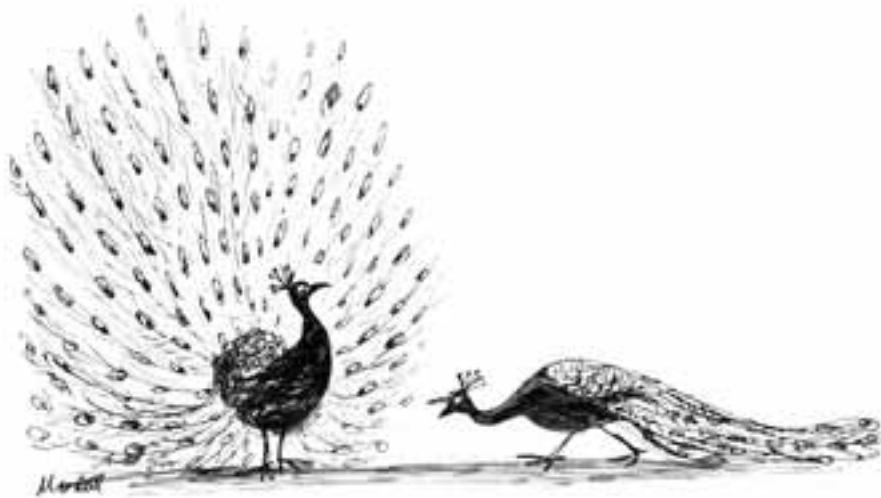


*“Mr. Thompson, I’d like a short sabbatical to find myself—
within the corporation, of course.”*



“Leave me out of the charades. I’m no good at pretending anything.”





*"Somehow just being a peacock isn't reason enough
for me to be proud anymore."*









“He’s cute, but everything he knows comes from books.”



"I've always said that if you weren't in New York you were in Hackensack, and now I'm being transferred to Hackensack."



"Mother says hello and to hell with you."



“Oyez, oyez, Judge Mulcahy!”



*"I assure you, when I went to the Coliseum the last thing
I expected to do was buy a boat."*





"I suppose you can't help it, but your Monets are weak."



"Ditto."



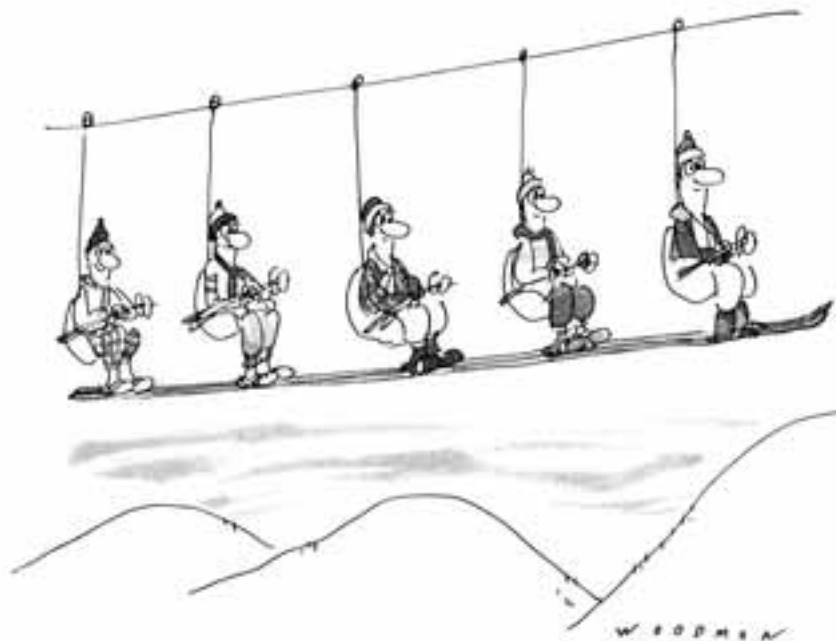
"I'm terribly sorry, sir, but in the process of cutting out programs for the poor we inadvertently cut out a program for the rich."

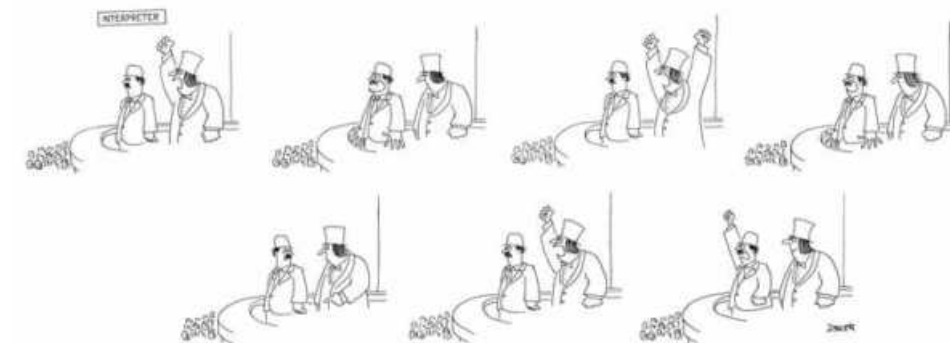


"In the winter, I'm an indoor plant."



*“That double brandy must have got old Wintringham
all revved up. He’s wearing his faint smile.”*







“Insofar as one can measure the esteem Your Majesty enjoys in the hearts of his people, together with the tales of Your Majesty that are being bandied about the realm, it is my considered judgment, Sire, that you will become a legend, but not in your lifetime.”



“Mr. Wallace Morrison and his sousaphone.”



“Remember, for bargains galore it’s Cheap Al’s, at the corner of Thirty-fourth and Sixth—just steps away from your favorite stores.”



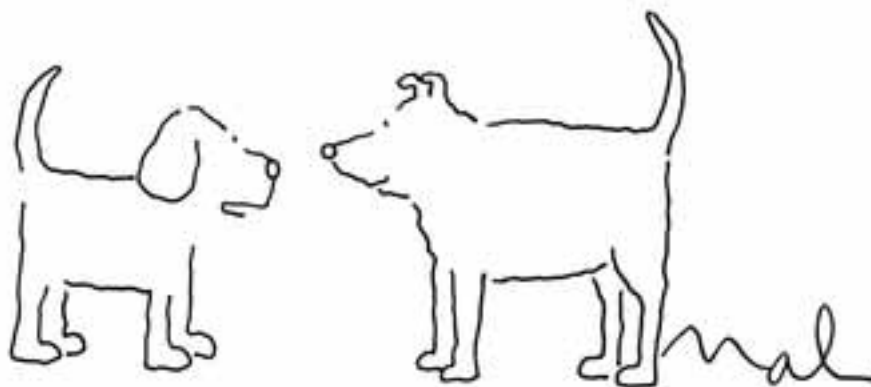
*"I'll be back in a little while. I'm going to take a stroll
down the Boulevard of Broken Dreams."*



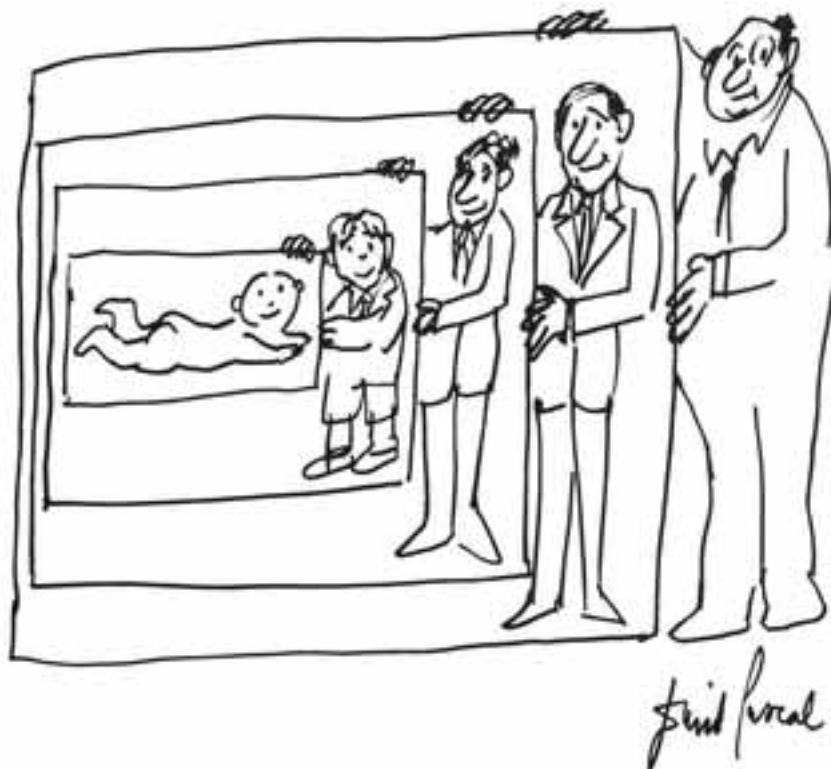


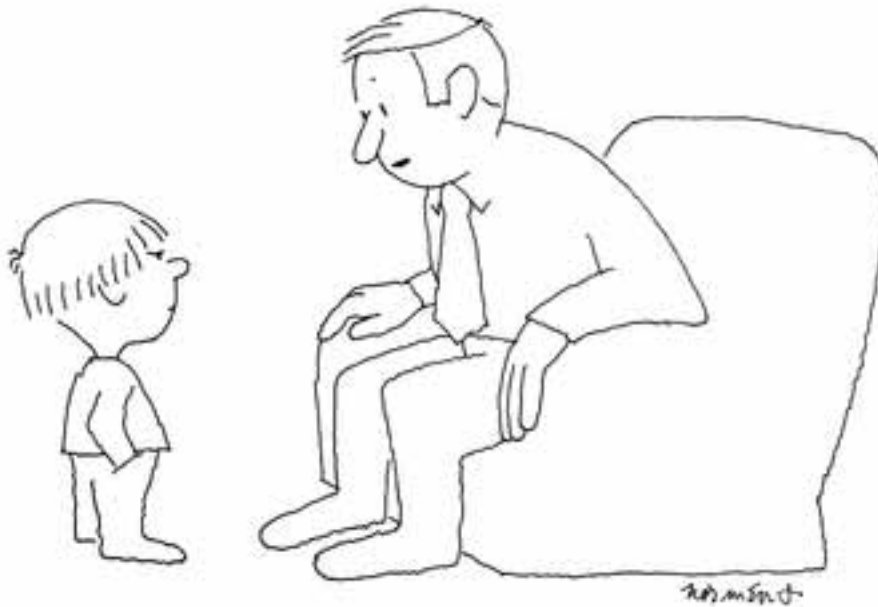


“Nonsense, Bentley! You can win ’em all!”



"Last night's Alpo commercial with Ed McMahon and the Irish setter was the best thing I've seen on TV."





“O.K., let’s suppose I’m not the nicest daddy in the whole wide world. What do you intend doing about it?”

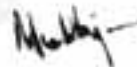


“If the police were looking for me, I suppose they’d describe me as ‘white, short, fat, bald, between the ages of sixty and seventy.’”

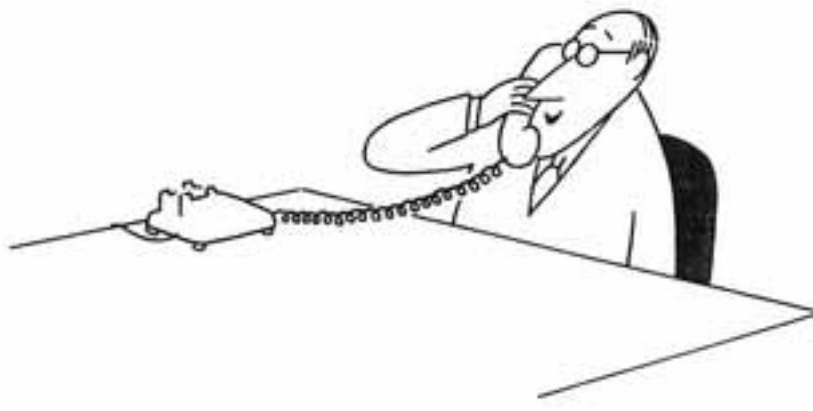




"Don't ask me. That's either Edgar or the dog."



“And who, pray tell, is more aware of the religious climate in our community than our dear Reverend Fosberg?”



"Thank you for calling Extension 356."



*"I'd still be married to Jim if we hadn't foolishly
agreed to stop lying to each other."*

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DANGER



Wall to Wall



The Taxi



The Mope



Minglin'

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The Queue



Row Your Boat



No Step



The Surly

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*“And on the credit side: Forty-six billion herrings, eight million tuna,
and six hundred and fifty-two thousand manganese noodles.”*





"I guess they've landed, all right, but it appears they come in peace."





*"A carburetor is a very sensitive object, Mr. Hoskins.
Ignore it at your peril."*



“To . . . hell . . . with . . . yogurt.”



*“When I was in Berlin in 1976, I saw a nightingale.
‘Nightingale’ in German is ‘Nachtigall.’”*



"I had a lousy day. Actually, it wasn't a lousy day, it was a pretty good day. But it seemed lousy."



“Round here at Carston, Denning & Foreman, we’re just plain folks, Al, and we expect all our employees to be just plain folks, too.”





“They own fifty-one per cent of the company stock.”





"I can adjust my own damn smile, Alice."



"I'm sorry, Mr. Wilson, but your hair just doesn't say anything to me today."

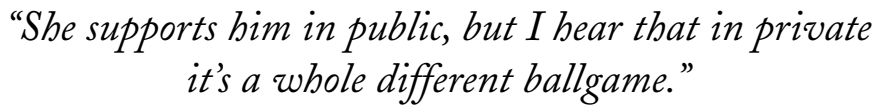


"There's always something fascinating going on if you keep your eyes open. Like yesterday there was a guy sitting where you're sitting who I could have sworn was Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. But it wasn't."



*“Jerry, I’m beginning to think it’s wrong that all our fun
is based on the combustion of hydrocarbons.”*





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"Well, gee, frankly, Mr. Danforth, you being my boss, and asking me to lunch and all, I thought you would pick up the tab."



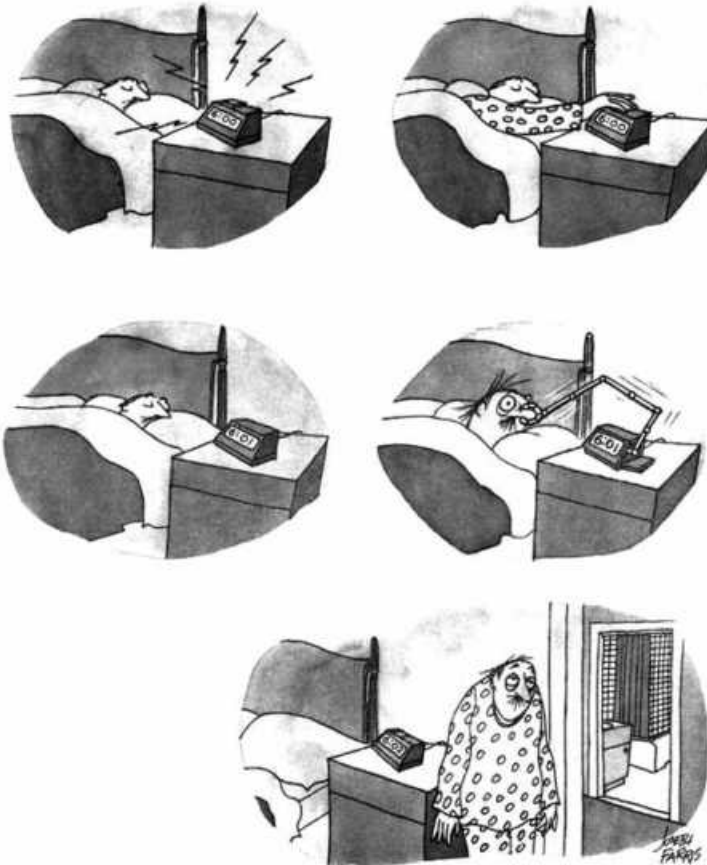
"The center of 'Time' 's consciousness and the center of 'Newsweek' 's consciousness pretty much correspond with the center of my consciousness."







“New York has everything. Subways, barbershops, coffee shops, banks, stores, movies, bowling alleys—you name it!”





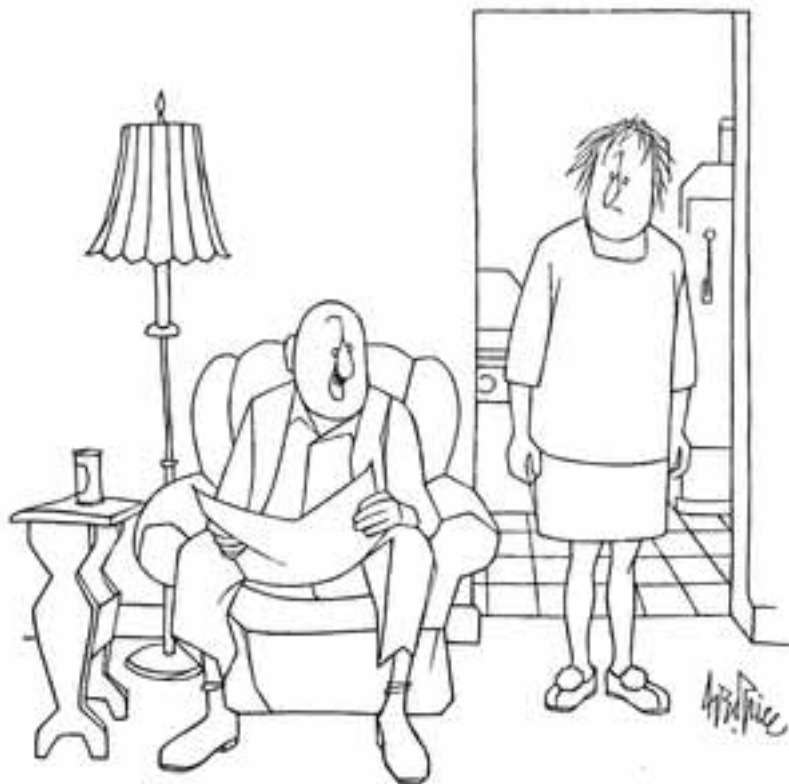
“There is a motion on the floor suggesting your board of directors is not dealing from a full deck. Is there a second?”



"How about a cracker, Baldy?"



*"Sincerely yours, Jim Hartwig. No—make that:
Sincerely yours, Dick Mason."*



“Your mother? She went up to the attic—on gossamer wings.”



*"Now do you see what I mean when I say I've
had the role of aggressor forced upon me?"*





“Excuse me. What is the name of that dish?”



“Trim the fat? Are you kidding? We’re the fat!”







"Have you said goodbye to the children?"



“Whom do I speak to if I’m not sure I have the right bank for me?”



"I fear, Excellency, that you picked up a bug from one of those people you seized power from."



“Let OPEC tighten the screws. The Larned A. Corys are ready.”



*“Don’t laugh—he was doing that the day he figured out
how to scoop up Trans-American Ramex, Inc.”*



*"If I understood him correctly, North Dakota has just
invaded South Dakota."*



Two Generations



"We don't have a song yet."



“Damn it, Fenton! We can’t refuse to hear every case.”





“And what do you do to maintain your cardiovascular fitness, Miss Holt?”



"David never gives up. I used to think that was a virtue."



“Ichthyosaurs are all gone, mosasaurs are gone, pterosaurs are gone. There’s none of the old crowd left.”







"Louis and I never fight."



“We had our car shipped down here by rail, but it ended up in Cincinnati.”





"Interesting, yes. But not for me. I already am all I can be."





“Another drink du jour, please.”



"You and Nancy seem to be developing at the same rate."





*"This is my wife. She takes vitamins and washes
with soap. Isn't she great?"*



"But this one wants me."





*"We may as well go home. It's obvious that this meeting
isn't going to settle anything."*



Everett Opie (3/26/1979)



"I don't know what's wrong with me, but I have this uncontrollable desire to acquire National Airlines!"





Sudden Indisposition



*"I used to be an investment counsellor, but
I've been deprogrammed."*



“When do you start kicking people out?”



*"Oh, I agree Peter Humphreys is an awfully nice guy,
but he takes advantage of the fact."*



"It all boils down to this: You can forgive but you can't forget, and I can forget but I can't forgive."

Vegetable Musicale





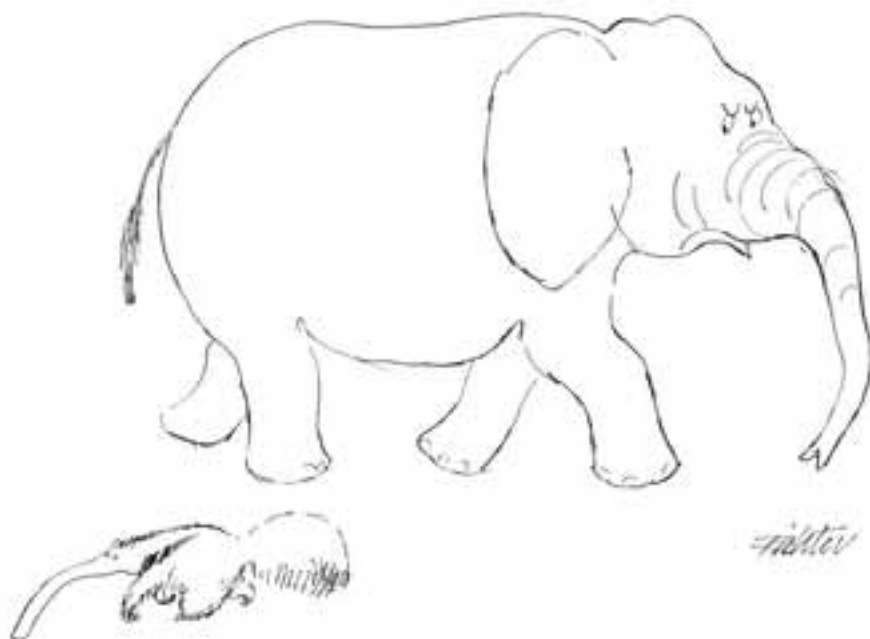




"This is Shangri-la, baby. Right here!"



"That's enough, Foster. It's time to go now."









“Let’s hope, Lucille, that our decision hasn’t been too hasty.”



"Pardon me, sir. You are being beeped."



“Well, I see that our time is just about up.”



*"We're the Dunderstadt brothers. I believe we
have a table for four."*



"At least it's better than those awful radios."







"Wilson, the gods are very angry."



"And this is the old rumpus room, where we had all our rumpuses."



“Here comes my Ralph—semi-retired and semi-impossible.”



“Something in a suit, please.”





*“Just one more question. Would you like sour cream and
chopped chives on your baked potatoes?”*



"This all your own stuff, fella?"



"Your wordsmith is here, sir."



“Wow! Who are you?”



“Bernard, a Lieutenant Colonel Lucy Treadwell, of Consumer Vigilantes, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, Utilities Division, wants to know do we have any complaints in regard to our utility services.”



*“Now that we’re all good and mad, let’s take
another crack at Item Three.”*



"It's Ed Koch. He wants to know how he's doin'."





"I yessed him to death."



“Be with you in a minute. We’re breaking in a new man.”



*“We always wanted a brownstone, but prices were sky-high,
so we decided to move out of the city and build.”*





"That's on the house, because you're such a jolly good fellow."



*"Apparently, they were well-to-do. It says here
she brained him with a polo mallet."*





“You call that a pitiful, helpless giant?”



“Bankers are real, too, you know.”



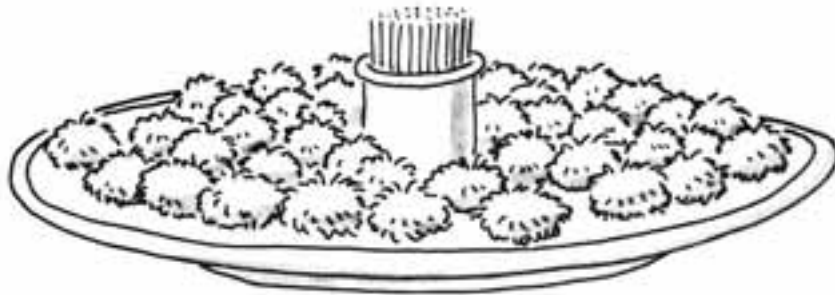
"Why can't you ever think of a socko exit line?"

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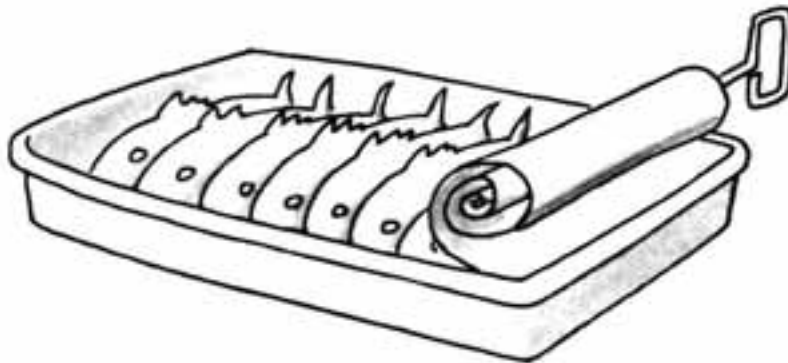
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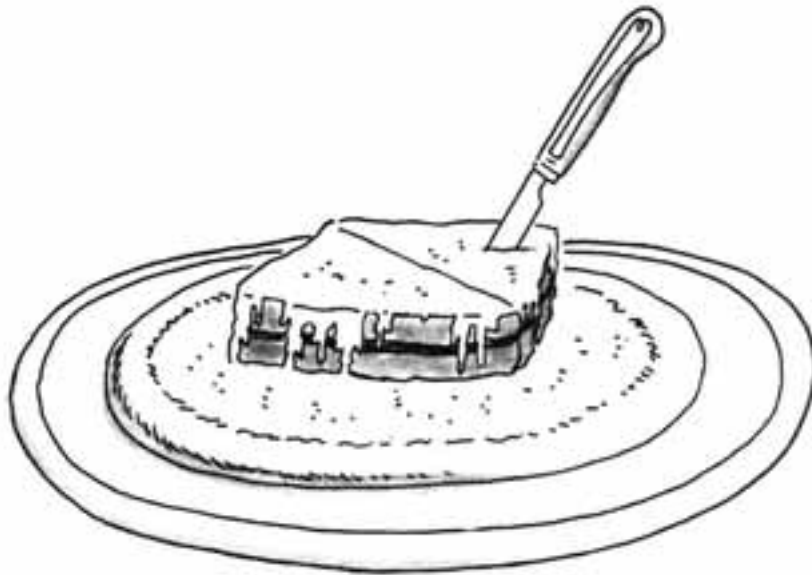
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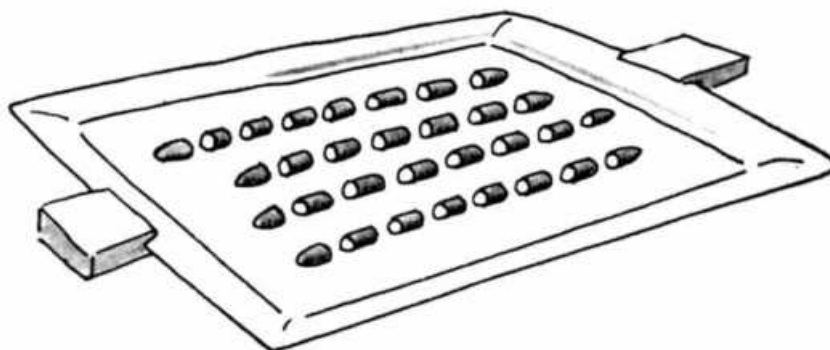
Fish Quickies

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Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Quiche

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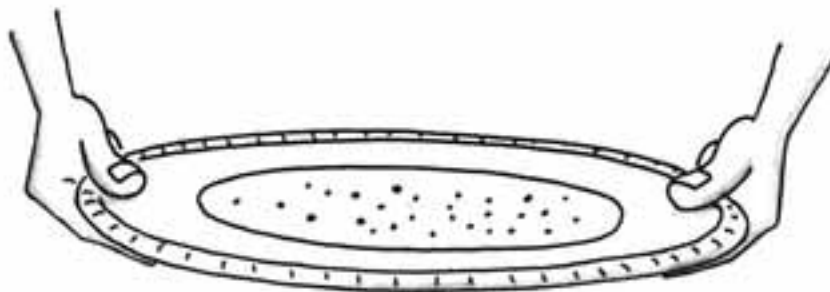
Carved Logs of Jerky de Bœuf

BUDGET MUNCHIES (6 OF 8)



Ravioli Puff Fondue

BUDGET MUNCHIES (7 OF 8)



Diet Nibbles

BUDGET MUNCHIES (8 OF 8)



Assorted Snacks





“When you’re suffocating, it’s unimportant why you’re suffocating. It’s only important to get air.”





“Well, it makes coming home at night a little pleasanter.”





“And now a battle of wits between the violin and the piano.”



*"Oh, I've made a bundle in my day, but I've always
taken time to stop and smell the flowers."*





"Today Phil's not fit company for man or beast."



"Let us defer to the judgment of our oenologist."



*“Mr. Mott, may I remind you that the success of this company
has been largely due to our attention to detail.”*



“Mrs. Rupert and I are having a few friends over on Sunday, and since it turns out you’re innocent, we’d love to have you drop in, too.”





“Now, be careful not to squander your clout heedlessly.”





*“Remember, you two, we’re depending on you
to get this thing off the ground.”*



*“Will you share my dream with me, Alexandra? A few acres somewhere,
a couple of sheep, a couple of goats, some chickens . . .”*



Charles Addams (4/16/1979)

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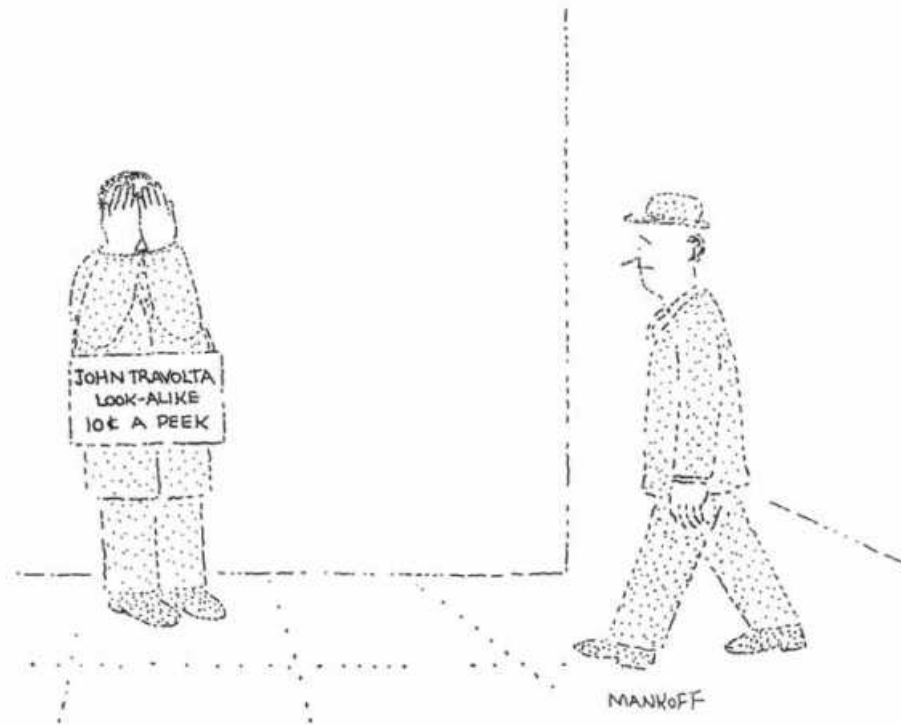
“Just tell the press the Ambassador feels it would be inappropriate to comment until he’s had time to study the complete text.”



*“Perhaps the witness would care to reconsider his answer
to the last question?”*



"A coupon for a free order of French fries with the purchase of a Big Mac came into his possession somehow, and it really made his day."





"Fred doesn't watch TV. He monitors it."





"I abstain, because of misgivings."



OUR FRIEND ALGEBRA

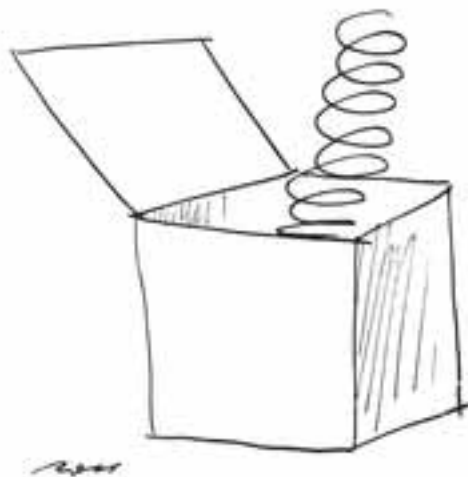


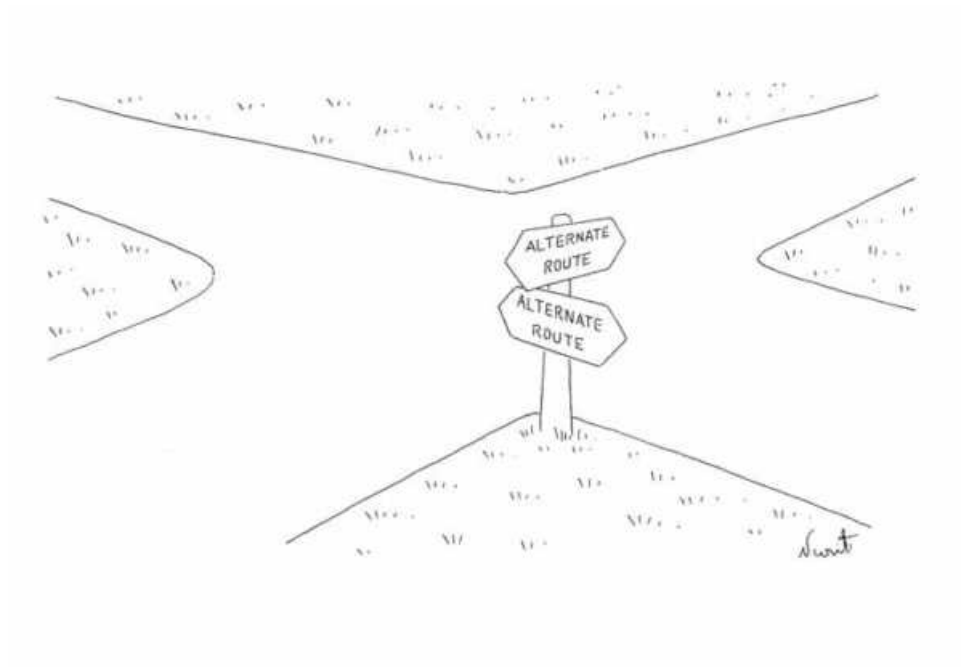


*"Dame Fortune smiles and Dame Fortune frowns, but
we have to face the stockholders."*



“Miss Potter, bring in something that’s self-explanatory.”



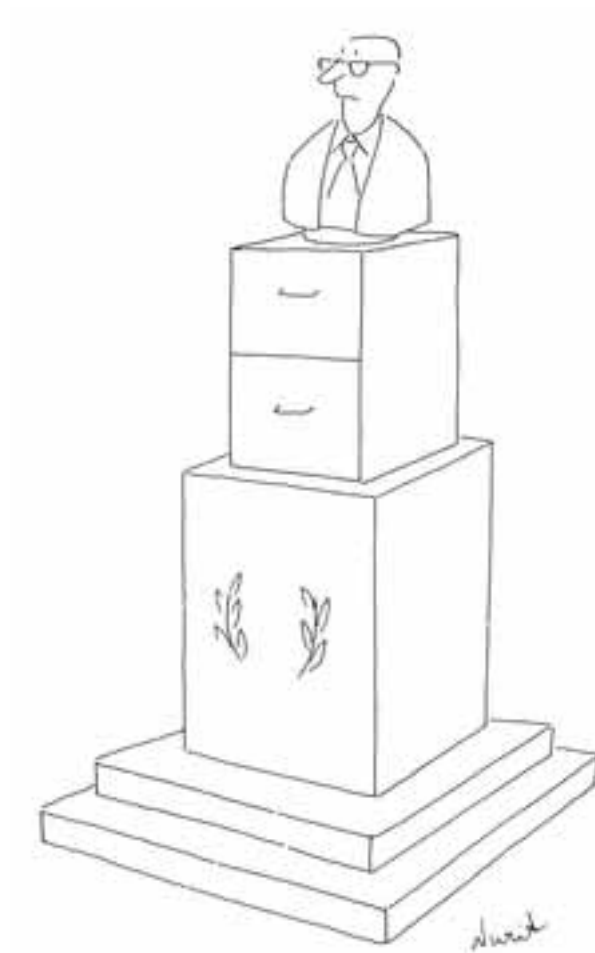




"The night, they say, was made for love."

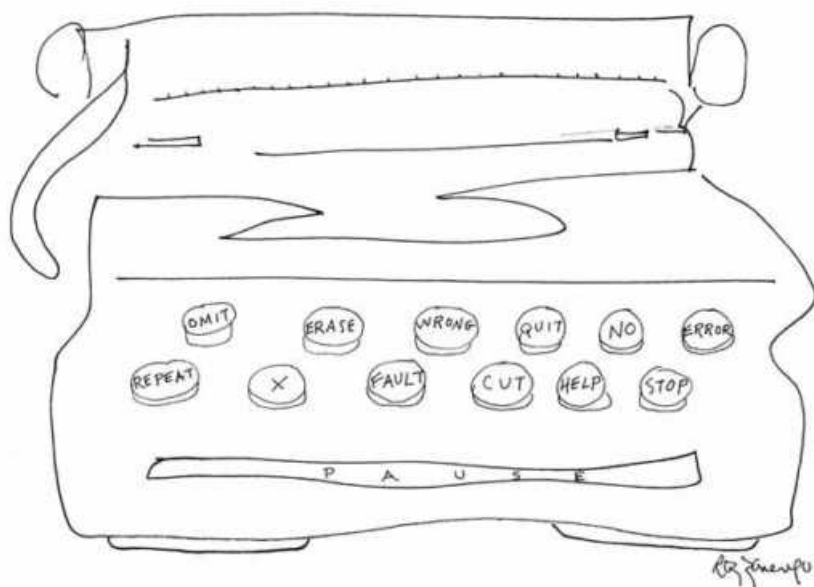


"Hi, everybody. I'm home!"





"It says, 'Please disregard this reminder if your check is in the mail.'"





"We can't be lost. This is the only damn highway they've got up here."



"All those in favor say 'Aye.'" "Aye."

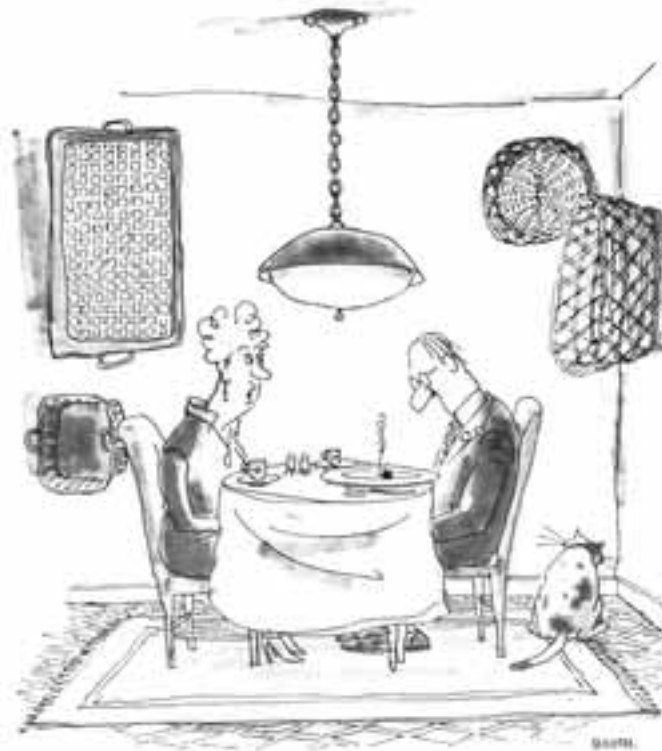
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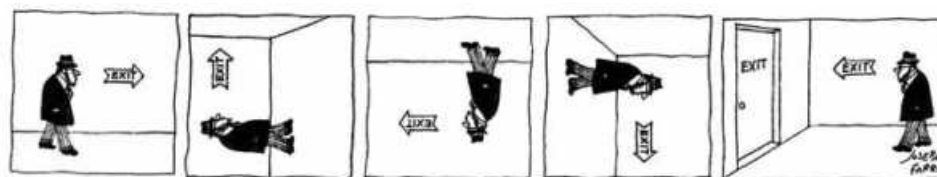
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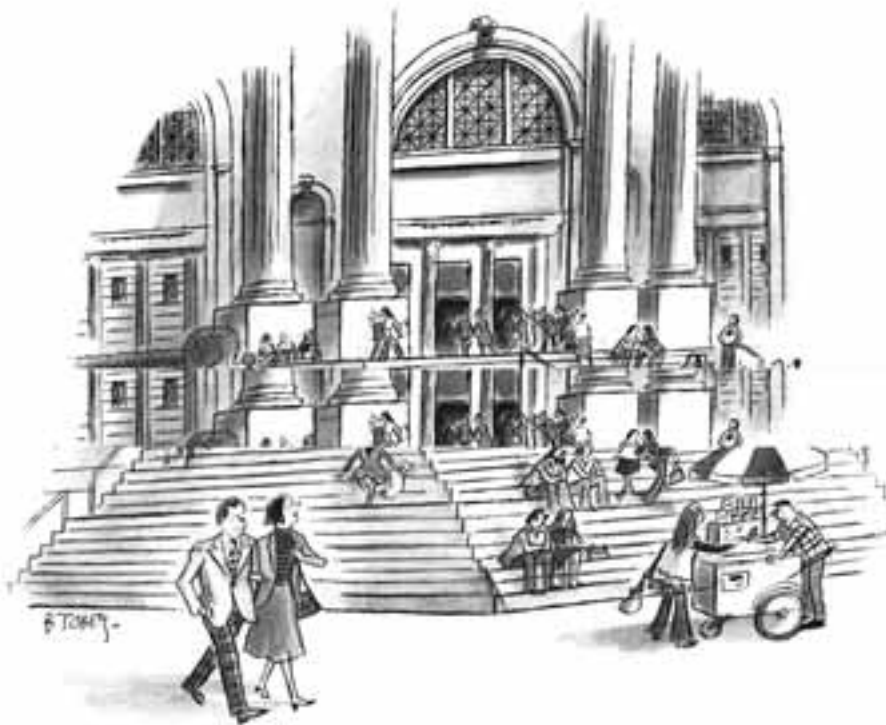
"Aye."

"Aye."



"Julia Child was cooking coq au vin and tambour parmentier this evening, and during her pommes en belle vue I burned your filet."





“Remember? I was sitting right up there when you came by and said, ‘Hi, beautiful!’”



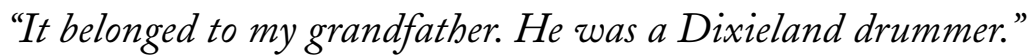
Three Against One



"Take it all off."



*"Right, you've got it. You're my best friend, my lover, and my wife.
Now I've got to get off the phone and get this finished."*







“Not a great party, and yet rather a nice one, with a certain undeniable warmth and camaraderie.”





"Just a reminder. You can take your snow tires off now."



*"I used to know all about verbs, nouns, and pronouns,
but that was long, long ago."*



"More! More! More! More! More!"

CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH





"Damn it, Philip, you can't just wing it through life on feeble jests, hollow excuses, and weak rejoinders."



*"Of course it's not my son. My son is a nitwit.
That's me, thirty years ago."*



*"This one might be a bit out of your price range, sir.
It costs eighteen zillion dollars."*



*"I could name lots of places where my bon mots
are still being quoted."*



*“For fifty-eight years, he learned something new
each and every day. Yesterday, he blew it.”*



In the Weeds



*“Look, Finnegan. The great meals you’ve had are no greater
than the great meals we’ve had.”*



“Not the Ernest Dummerston?”



"Just because some people would rather read than watch 'Mork & Mindy' is no reason to deny some other people the pleasure."



"But first our national anthem."



“Hurt, yes. Resentful, yes. Angry, no.”



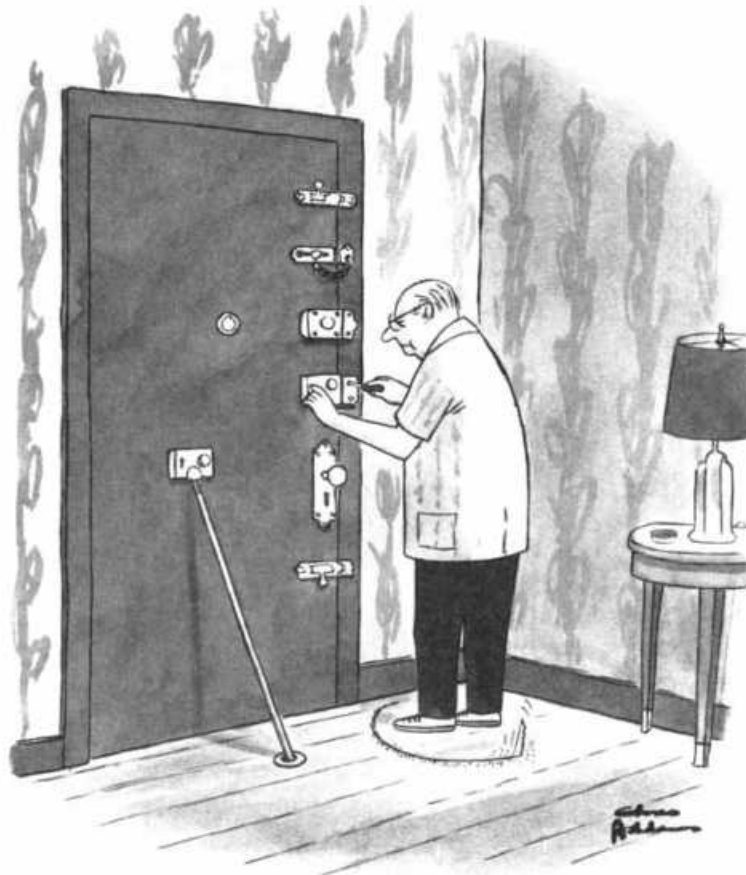
"You look plausible."



From left to right: Albert Hartley.



*"Love the apple. Love the snake. Love the whole
concept. Shoot the works!"*





"Well, you sure fooled me. There's not a darn thing wrong with you."



*"I'll tell you one thing. Being rich
has taught me a hell of a lot."*



"Too insightful. Lock him up!"



*"Honey, look who I ran into downtown—Bob Phelps,
my old college roommate."*



"Here he is, Mr. Caruthers. Time to go home."



"Baker, Baker, and Wormsley here to see you, sir."









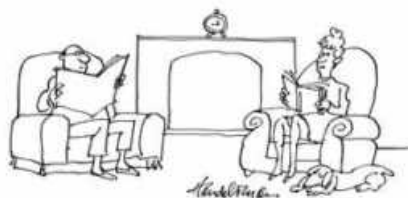
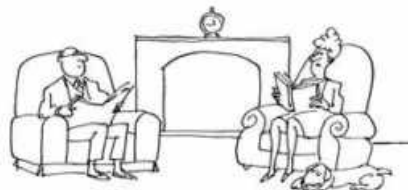
"Philosopher, playwright, knower of men, colleague, pal o' mine."



"I have a pretty shrewd notion of what's really going on in China."



"Yes, sir, I have a pretty shrewd notion of what's really going on in China."





"It shrank."



“Good evening, sir. As you may know, the soaring costs of recent environmental-protection legislation have forced us to pass part of this burden along to the consumer. Your share comes to \$171,947.65.”



"Like my cowboy clogs?"



"It's your gallery. You just had a nibble."



May Awakening



"Who was it said 'Into each life must come a cow'?"



"Sure it was lousy, but it was better than reality."



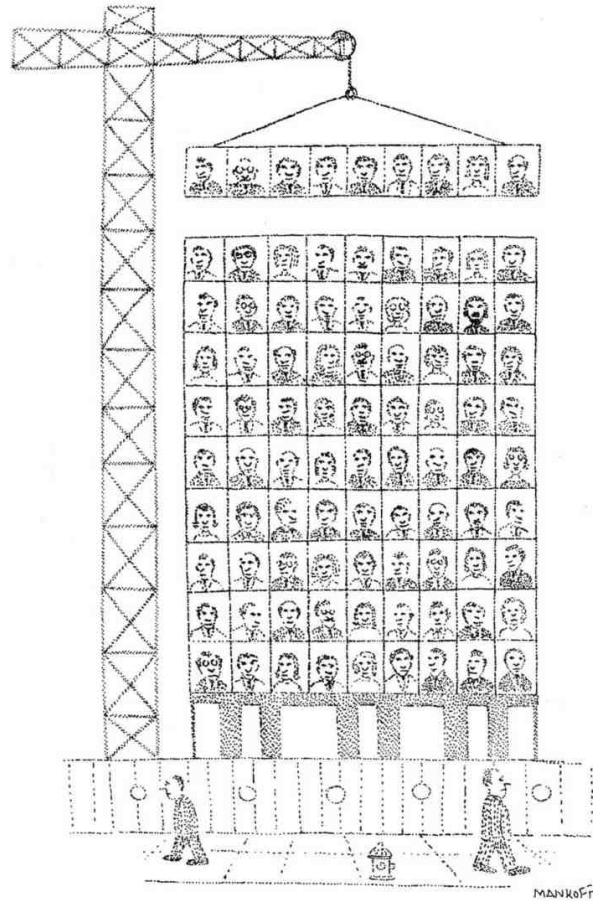
*"Please, Mrs. Enright, if I let you pinch-hit for Tommy,
all the mothers will want to pinch-hit."*



"I'm delighted we agreed to invite the Sandersons. They're so appreciative about being, you know, included."



“Same kind of tree that we have outside, only we have it inside.”





“Are you absorbed or just pretending to be absorbed?”



Charles Barsotti



“No, I want a copy of ‘Getting On,’ not ‘Getting It On.’”





"Perkins is one of the mainstays around here."





"I'm self-taught, self-anointed, and self-proclaimed!"







“Your Big Jumbo, Roy, is your regular Jumbo with golden French fries and coleslaw. Your Super Jumbo is your Big Jumbo with slice of onion, lettuce, tomato, special dressing, and pickle wedge. I’ve been watching you, Roy. You’re screwing up on the pickle wedge.”

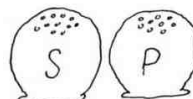
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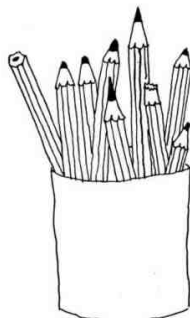
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MISS LAURA LEE BELREVE

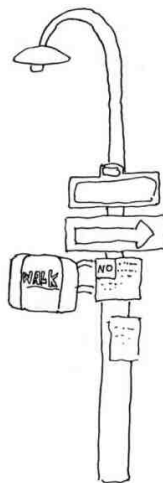


THE LAWSON TWINS



CARLYLE HENDERSON & ASSOCIATES

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MASTER SERGEANT
WILBER POTTS



*“And now Bob Ferguson, with an analysis of our reporting staff’s
‘state of mind’ during the preparation of tonight’s news.”*



“Don’t forget, sir—Reynolds over there deserves to be credited with an assist.”



“That’s Paul. He’s a very behind-the-scene kind of guy.”





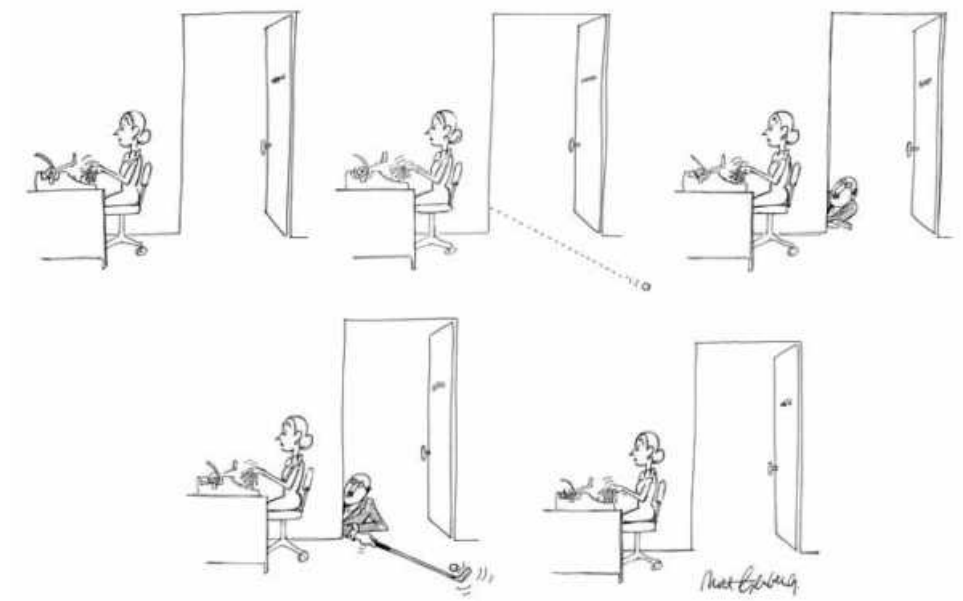
“According to this, there doesn’t seem to be any bird that goes ‘tweet tweet.’”



Sinister Figure



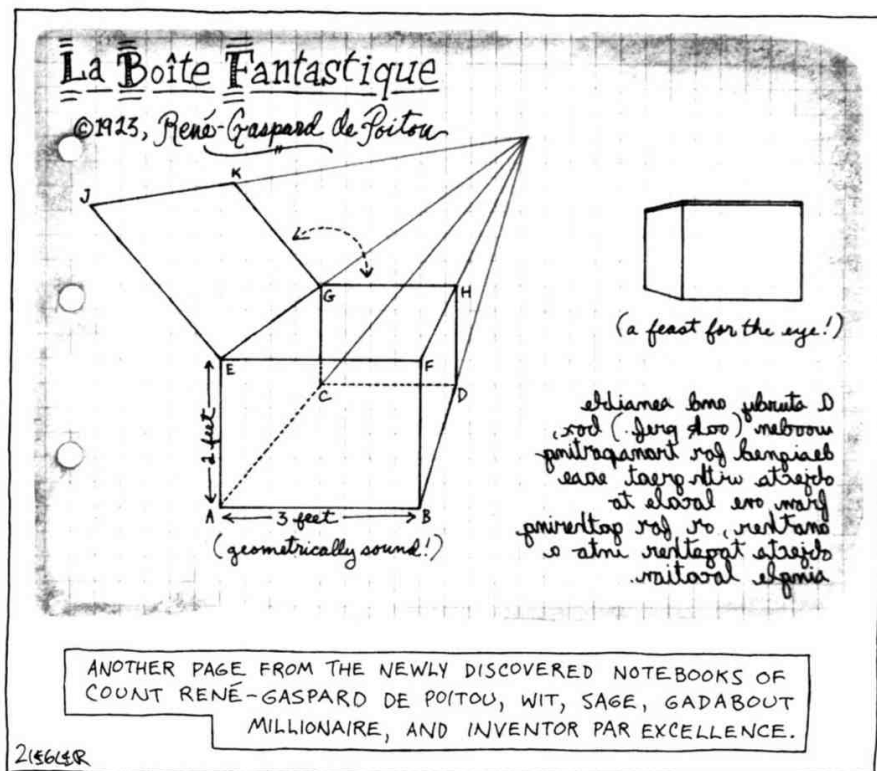
"Boy! Am I glad I'm not running things!"







"We're looking for people who like to write."



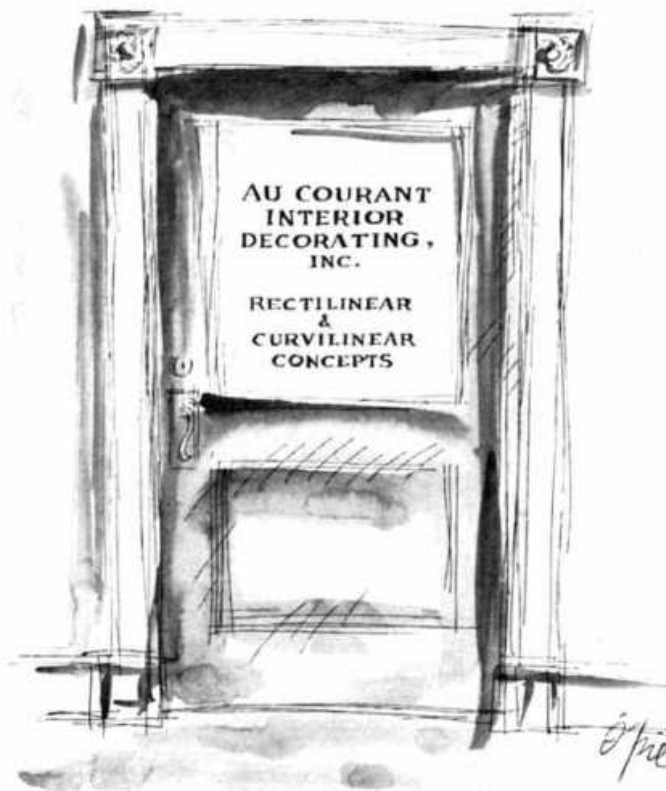




*"It's your mother. It's Mother's Day. You're her only child.
Do you want to talk to her?"*



*“And that’s another thing I can’t stand about this job—
the smell of wet wool!”*





“Does your masculinity feel threatened by the women’s movement, Alston?”







"Tell him I haven't come up with gold yet, but I discovered something that would make a terrific furniture polish."



"The President today fired James Schlesinger, Griffin Bell, Michael Blumenthal, Alfred Kahn, Jody Powell, Stuart Eizenstat . . . Ha, ha, ha! We were only fooling."





“‘The Scourge of Civilization’! Me? Are you kidding?”

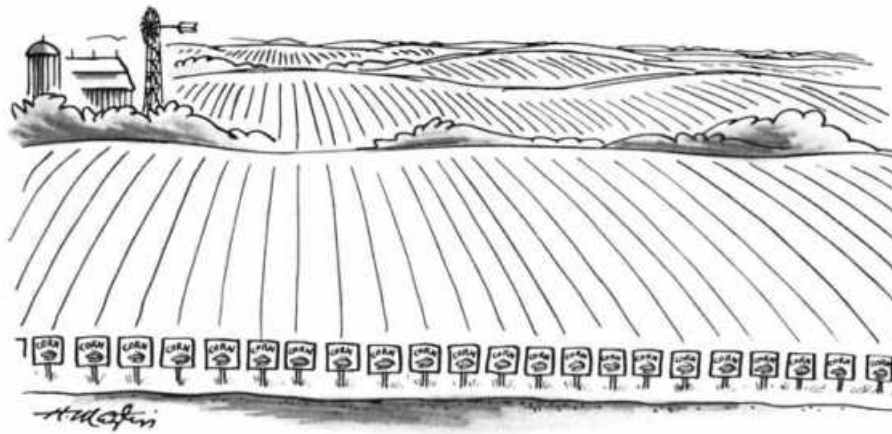


"And should the 'Times' call to inquire, Sanborn, you may say my vacation plans are as yet unsettled."





“So this is the famous Sarah of the mustard-mayonnaise clam dip!”







*“We hate to break into the ‘MacNeil/Lehrer Report,’
but supper is ready.”*



*“Congratulations. Please remember the college’s financial plight.
 Congratulations. Please remember the college’s financial plight.
 Congratulations. Please remember . . .”*



“When Alexander the Great stopped here, we thought the town would take off. But it didn’t.”



*"Tick-Tick," "Tick-tick," "Tick-tick," "Tick-tick,"
"Tick-tick," "Tick-tick," "Tick-tick," "Tick-tick,"
"Tick-tick," "Tick-tick" "Tick-tick."*



*"Cuckoo," "Cuckoo," "Cuckoo," "Cuckoo,"
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"Cuckoo," "Cuckoo," "Cuckoo," "Cuckoo."*



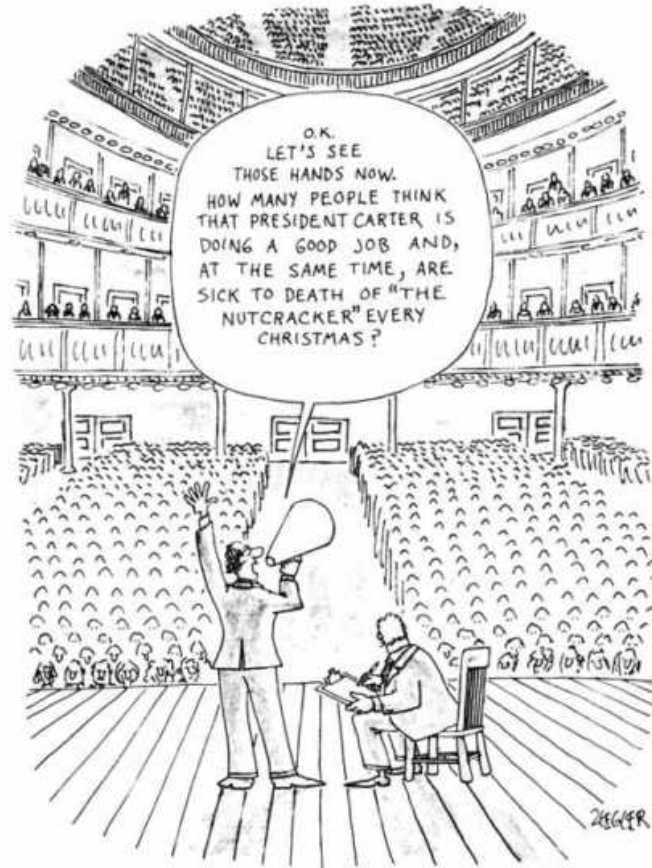
"Lord A'mighty!"



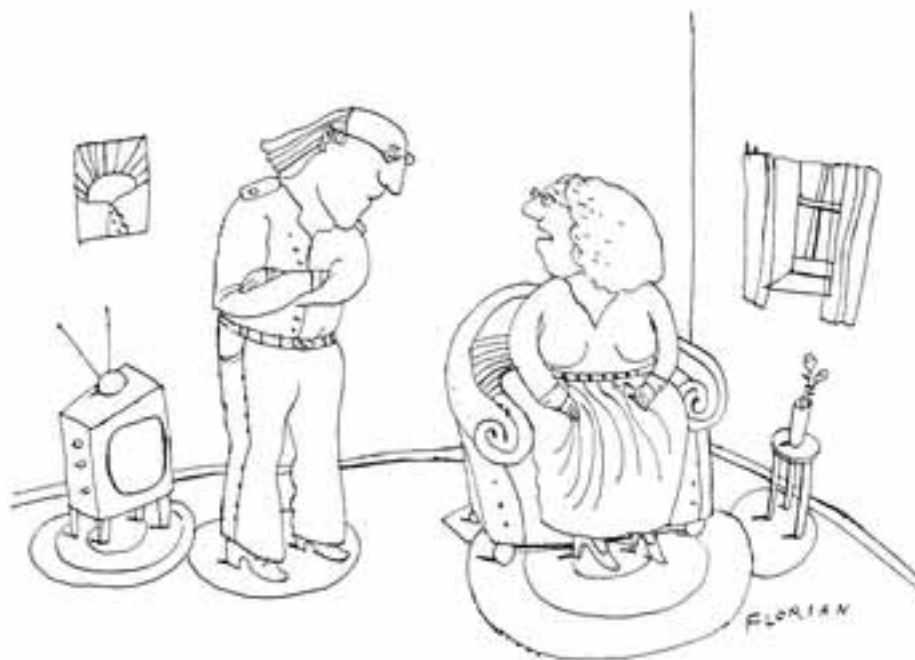
“And now, for the young at heart, we’re going to play that same song again—this time with a disco beat.”



“Begging your pardon, gents—a few corrections. First of all, it wasn’t Madison Square Garden, it was Yankee Stadium. Secondly, it wasn’t a fifteen-round, it was a ten. Thirdly, it wasn’t a decision, it was a T.K.O. Fourthly, Abe Levitsky wasn’t the loser, he was the winner. And finally, gents, I’m Abe Levitsky.”



The New York Times - Carnegie Hall Poll



*“You mean all this time there were no piano lessons,
no trips to Philadelphia?”*



“Be sure to visit our fur vault during the intermission.”



“For God’s sake! You don’t have to call your travel agent every time that QXR announcer tells you to call your travel agent.”



"I should think Mr. Horton must like you very, very much."





"Now you're home, right?"

"Right."





*"Fleetwood Mac, they say that you possess greatness.
But I do not understand you."*



*"I say 'Give me a windfall and I'll talk windfall tax.'
What do you say, Harry?"*



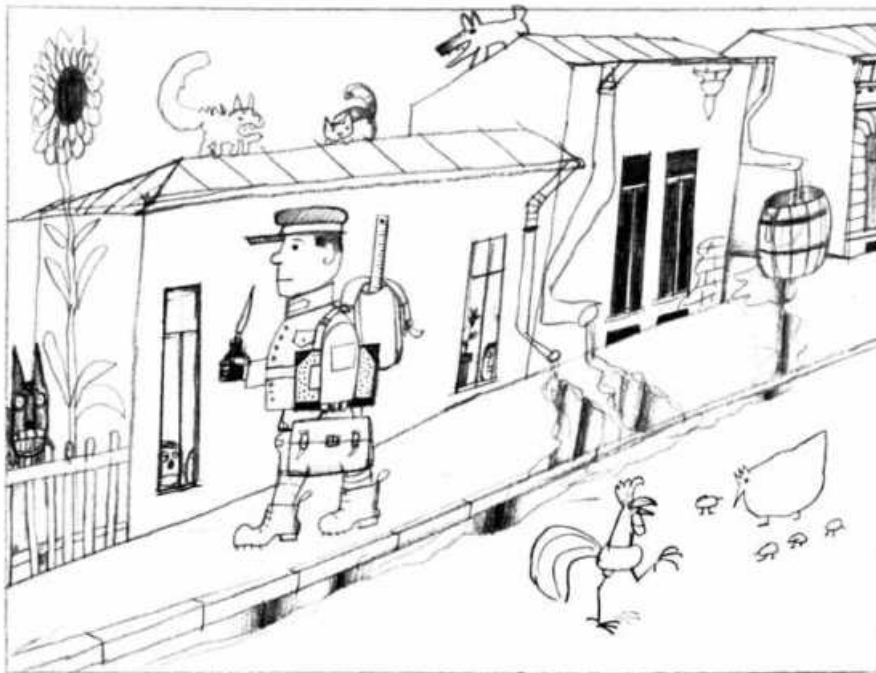
"You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy, so Herb decided that what we need is a pickup truck."



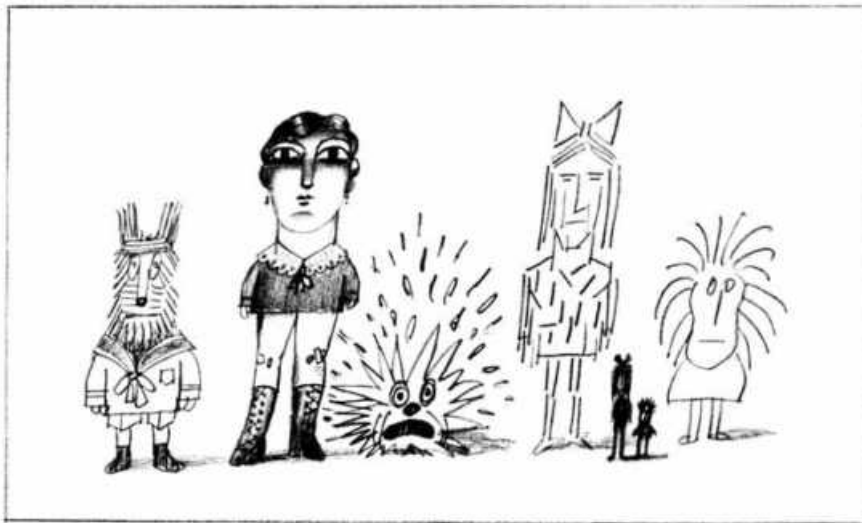
"Mary, this isn't my cup of tea."



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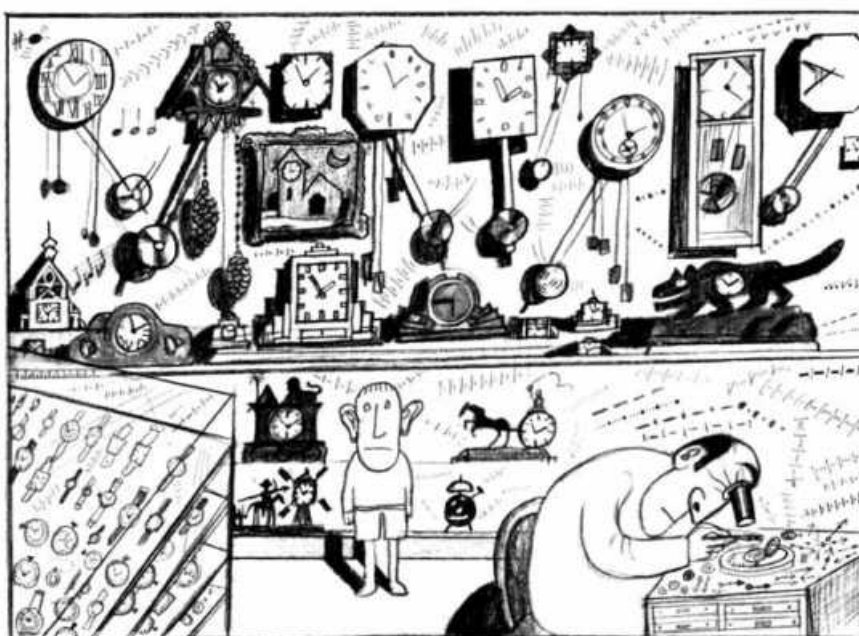
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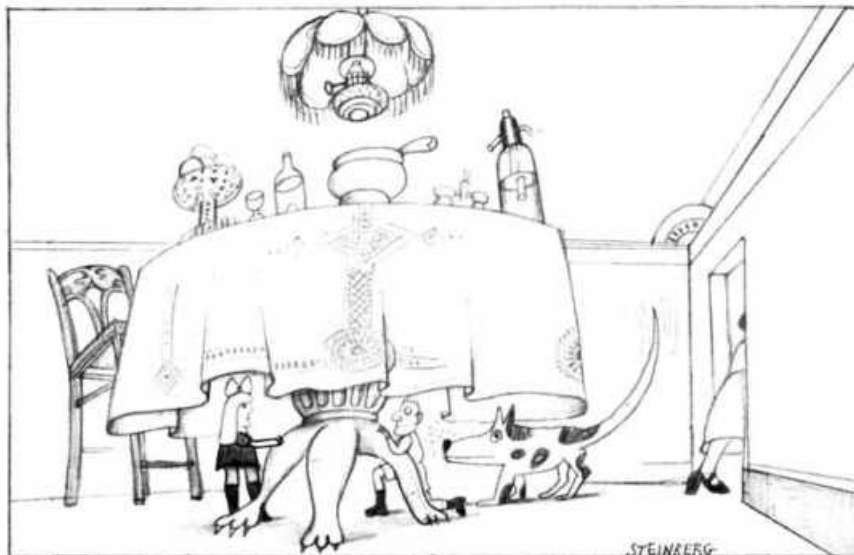
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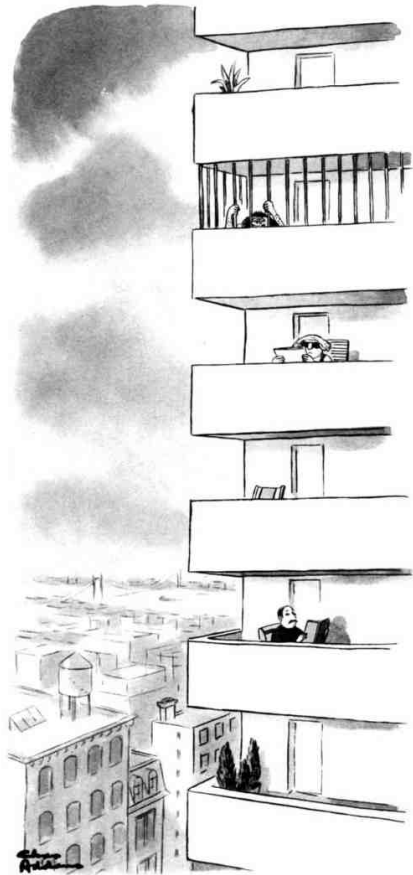




*“What’s that you’re reading, Walter—fiction?
Well, everyone to his own taste.”*



"The United States Congress is urging all of us to produce more."







*“Before you go accepting a dinner invitation, remember
their dollar-stretcher gumbo with potato balls.”*



*"William Safire must be a mind-reader. He always
writes exactly what I'm thinking."*



“He looks pleased with himself. If I find out why, I’ll call you later.”









"... Sixty-eight degrees, and the air is thick with curses."



“Preston, must you bid in your Donald Duck voice?”



"To gasohol!"



*"I do think you live close to the edge, Jay. It's just that
I think Dan lives closer to the edge."*

EN ROUTE



R. Chast





*“Gee, don’t you think he seems a bit young to know
what it all really means?”*





"Take this, Ferguson, and hype it up threefold."



“You were right, honey. It is too good for the likes of me.”



"I'm Mike Wallace." "I'm Dan Rather."

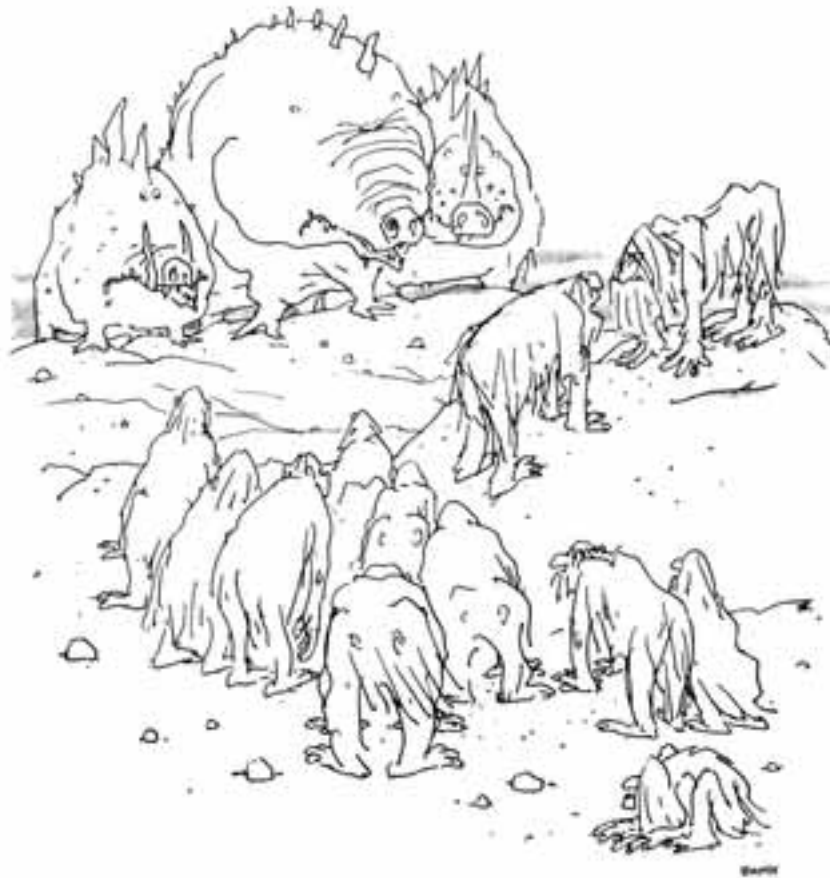


"I'm Morley Safer."





Travellers Abroad



“Leader Maloop, the people yearn for real answers.”



"Hi. This is the natural sound of Lou Fosgate."





*“So what if the First Amendment does go? We still have
twenty-five more.”*



“Number Three, step forward and whistle ‘Standin’ on the corner watchin’ all the girls go by.’”



“Harry, I want you to meet my wife, the kingmaker.”



"The child in me is still alive, Walt, and when I finally step down as chairman, by God, I'm going to let the little fellow out!"





"Too sexy."





“If it’s true that anybody can beat Carter, why don’t you run?”

Heartbreak Hotel



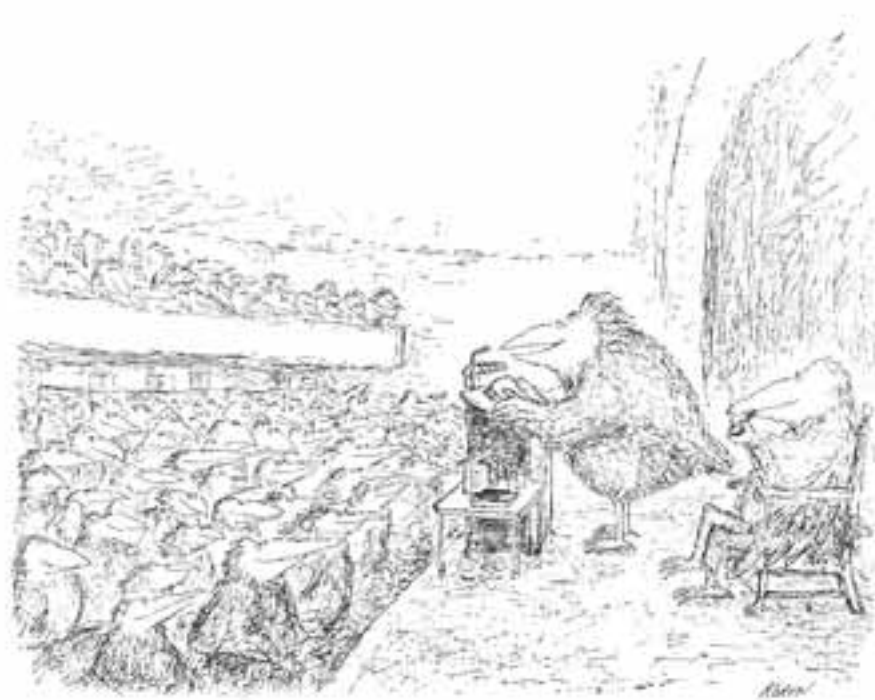




*"Before we continue, Maestro, could we discuss the motivation
of the string section in this movement?"*



“Let’s watch NBC, for Fred Silverman’s sake, the poor dear.”



*"The night woods
Listen attentively
To the owl's
discourse,
While at dawn
The grosbeak
Elaborates the lightening sky
With musical significance."*



Charles Barsotti

*“So you’ve come to see what makes the great man
tick, eh—is that it?”*





"I had to struggle through life as a Capricorn, but I died under Gemini, so it's a whole new ball game."





*"Love to join you, Ed, but I'm really jammed up here
and I'm just grabbing a bite at my desk."*



*"I said it's not often one gets one's chimney swept by
a person with a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence."*



“On the other hand, the air around here is always acceptable.”

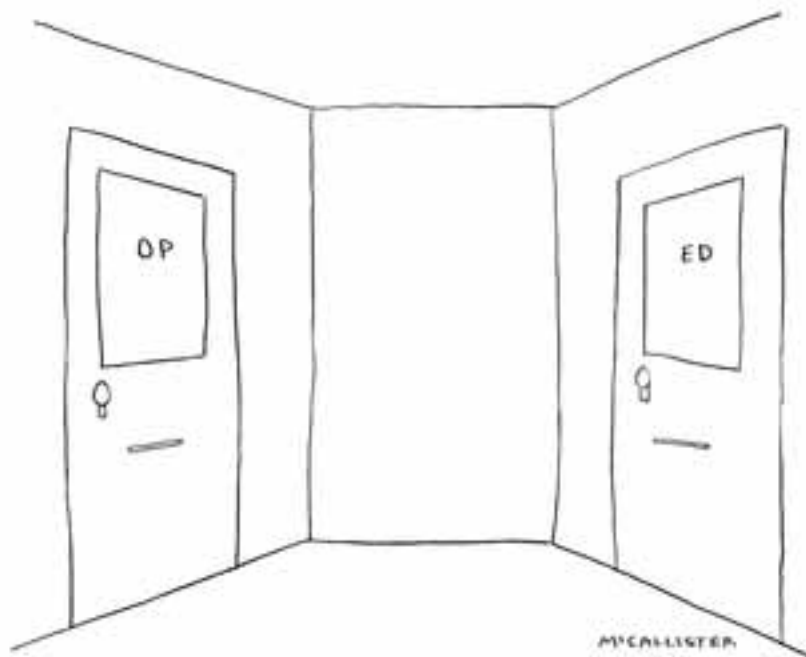


*"I'm dissatisfied with my life as it stands and yearn
for deeper fulfillment. How about you?"*





"I love the way you never mention mileage."





*"He's nuts. She's nuts. All three young ones are nuts.
The dog is nuts. And the old lady upstairs is nuts, too."*



"I object."



“He’s got a noble brow, but a fat lot of good it’s done him.”





“Victory. Peace. Two. All I know is it drives them bananas.”







"They're all relatives and friends of the boss."



*"I'm just moved to say, Edith, that I think you've made
an outstanding corporate wife."*



"I think what people are going to say is 'Wow!'"





“Arthur, meet Tyler Broadhurst. He doesn’t cook, either.”



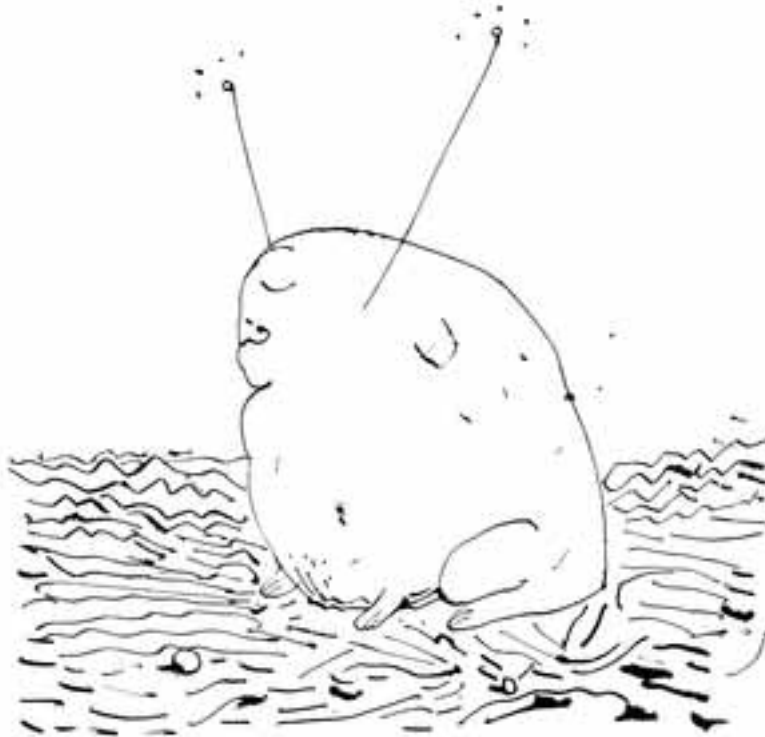
“And do you promise to stick together during the coming crunch?”

A BESTIARY (I OF 7)



*To remain an integrated creature,
the frepp pours its top half into its
bottom half every twelve hours.*

A BESTIARY (2 OF 7)



The poog has built-in antennae and can receive both public and cable TV. Its favorite shows are "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and "Bowling for Dollars."

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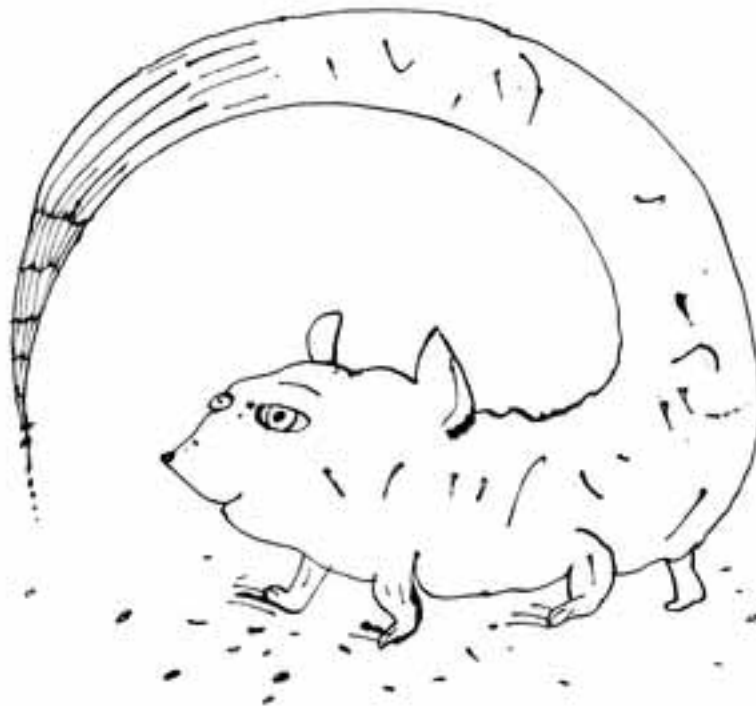
*The harmless boote protects itself from predators
by its ingenious camouflage.*

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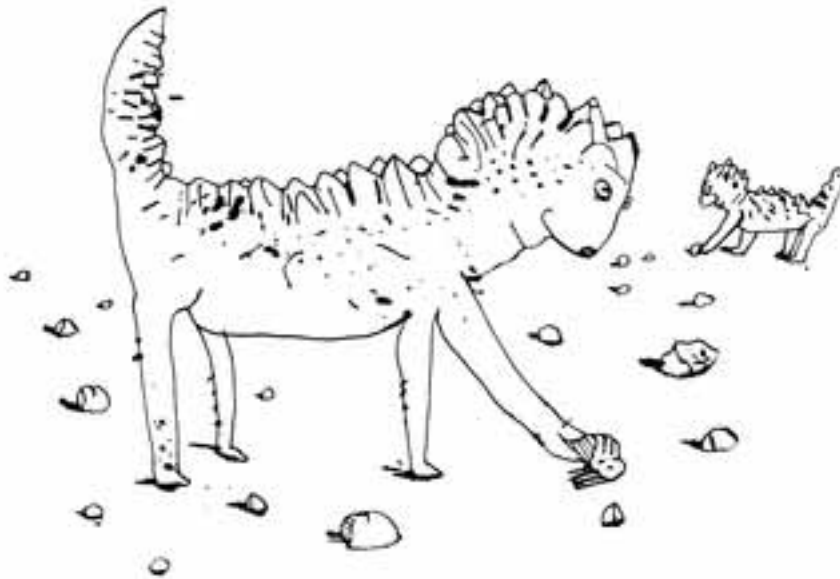
*The quatrice always travels in four parts. Consequently,
it can arrive both early and late.*

A BESTIARY (5 OF 7)



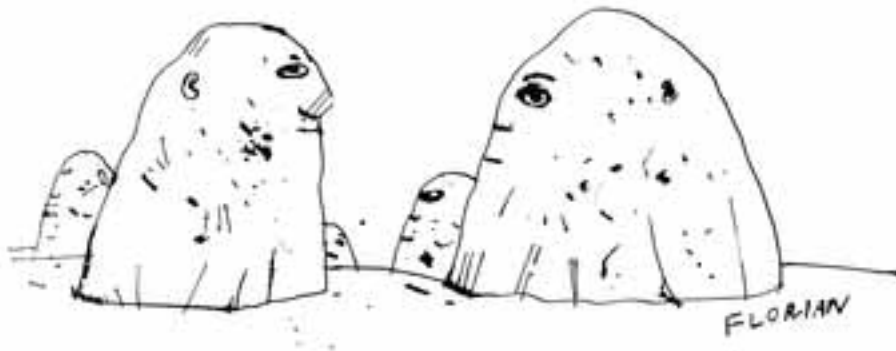
*The floog keeps its tail in front of it, thereby
never getting ahead of itself.*

A BESTIARY (6 OF 7)



The maztoz spends its days looking under rocks for something. Whatever it is, it's still to be found.

A BESTIARY (7 OF 7)



*The glod will speak only when spoken to. Unfortunately,
the vestigial ears are purely decorative.*



"Mr. Fitchner, Mr. Ellis is on his way to see you."



*"I've had a little something from the bar. Now I believe
I'd enjoy a little something from the grill."*



"Then we're all agreed. As it has always done with its difficulties in the past, America will somehow find a way to solve its energy problems."



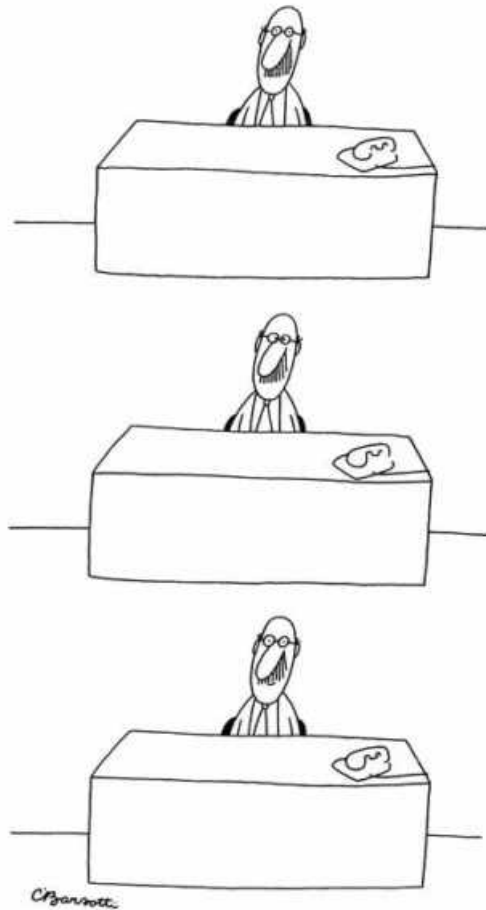


*“He said, ‘You don’t really know where it’s at until
you’ve played Vegas on New Year’s Eve.’”*



"It's a great look for you. Laid back but ready to pounce."







*“Why don’t we finish our drinks and go to a little place I know
where the atmosphere isn’t quite so electric with power.”*



"I'm sorry, but I wasn't really paying attention."



*"I wish just once I had known a great love that
ravages everything—even my garage!"*





"This is just charming. Charming. Charming."



"We're not dumping it anywhere, Ma'am. We're just going to keep driving it around."



*"I'm sorry, sir. Congressman Clayborne isn't in at the moment.
He's doing two to five for mail fraud."*



"Ah. The return of the bag lady."



"You call this a mere bagatelle?"



Landscape with Figures



“Arthur, I think I liked our little nest better before we put in track lighting.”



“And now, Beethoven’s ‘Moonlight’ Sonata, while drunk.”



"Hi there. Roses are coming into bloom, so now's the time to spray them for aphids, slugs, and thrips. Tidying up the flower beds is in order before putting in your biennials. In the vegetable garden, you can now harvest carrots and early peas. And don't forget to prune the hedges and evergreens."



"Your witness."



"My résumé, sir, is what you see sitting before you."

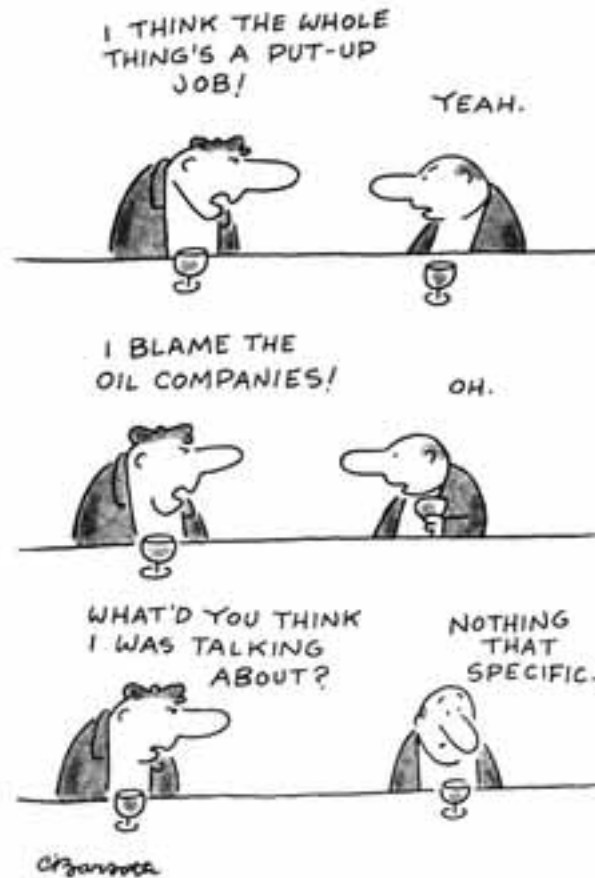


*"I'm glad you're on our side. I dread to think what
would happen if you were on the other side."*





“Dr. Leiderman says I am a great patient.”





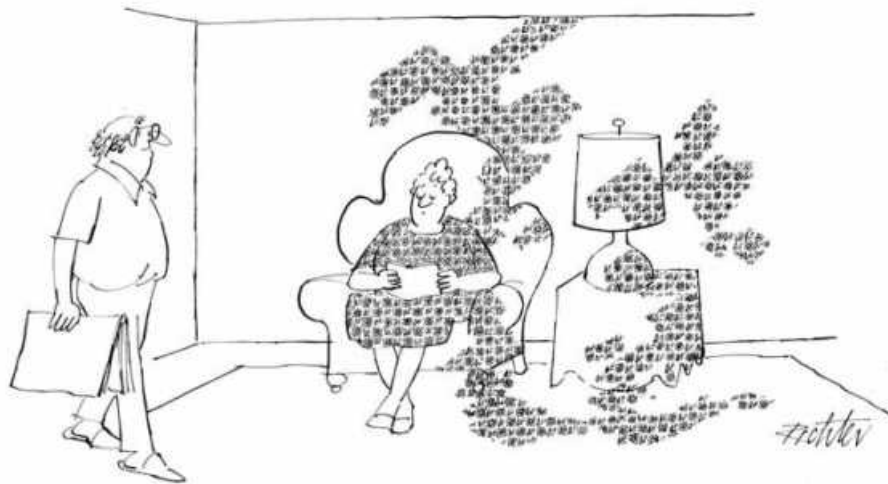
“Another nice thing about Venice—no potholes!”

HISTORY OF ROCK





“Polly, this is Agnes. We’re asking all our friends to watch the eleven-o’clock news. Somebody stuck a mike in Bill’s face today and asked him what he thought about something.”

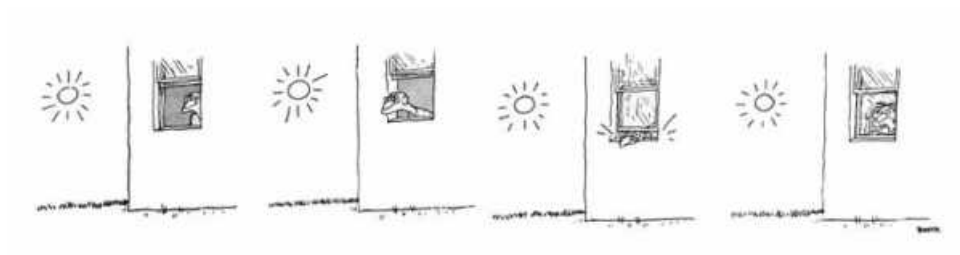




“Excuse me, sir. May I see your ticket stubs, please?”

No - Nonsense Types







“Yes, this is the nude-bathing area, but it’s the non-smoking section of the nude-bathing area.”



“You’ve left out one thing, Phil—money.”









"It's me—Mr. Rhythm himself!"



"So far, this party has failed to knock my socks off."



"It would work with us, Francine. We share the same narrow personal interests and concerns."



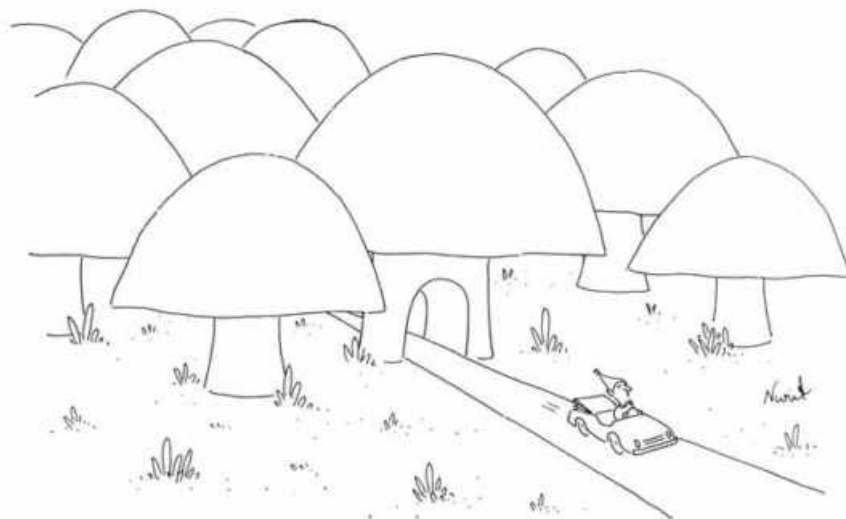
"Gentlemen, the king would like a laugh."



"What do you do?" *"I'm a lawyer."*
"The law."
"I do law."
"I practice law."
"I'm an attorney."
"Something legal."



"That's a nice shiny apple, Wilcox. But did you do your homework?"





*“Are you satisfied now that you’ve reached the top, J.P.,
or will you strive to reach the tippy-top?”*



*"Please don't inject Jane Fonda into an already
difficult situation."*



"I figured you were awake. A hush fell over the countryside."



"It's a town that time forgot."



*“Frumble, there’s only one cure for what ails you.
Get up and boogie.”*





*"Put 'er there, pal. Any friend of nuclear power
is a friend of mine."*



“Hi. We’re Ted and Maggie Wilkins. The Chases couldn’t make it tonight and asked us to fill their slot.”



“Honestly! Some days you can’t say anything to anybody that isn’t construed as interference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations!”

1979

SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS



Drain the Hudson & move everybody to Montana.



Require people to spend one day a week inside.



Massive, modern superstructures just like this one.



A nice, tall glass of water with no ice in it.

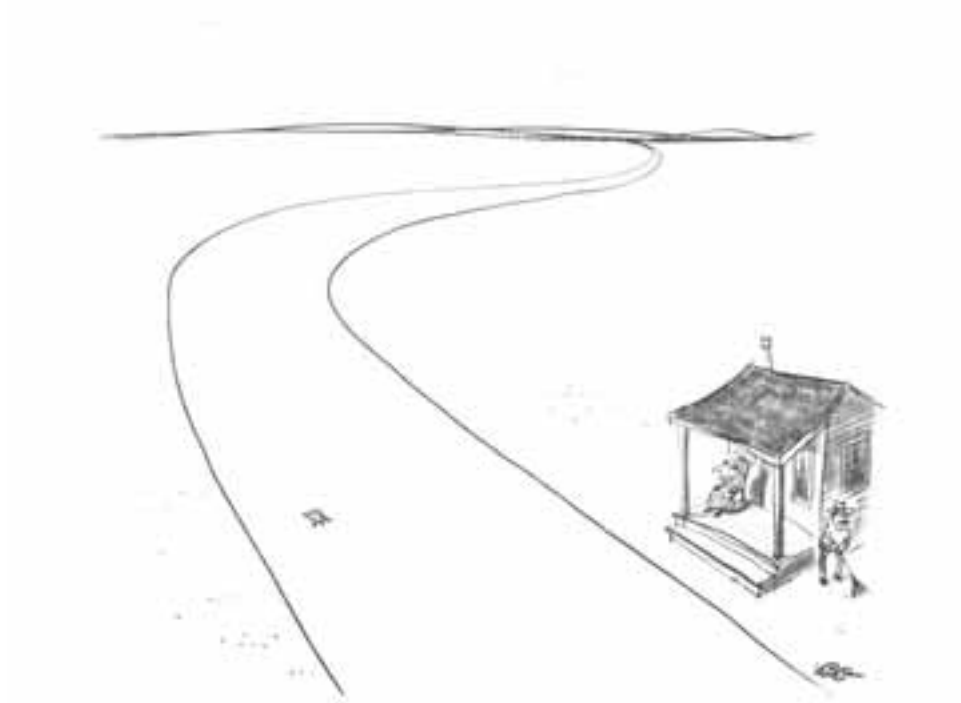


Methodical, neat arrangement of everything.

R. Chast.







“Heads up, Homer! Here comes the passing parade!”



"Just between us, Don, are we ripping off the public?"

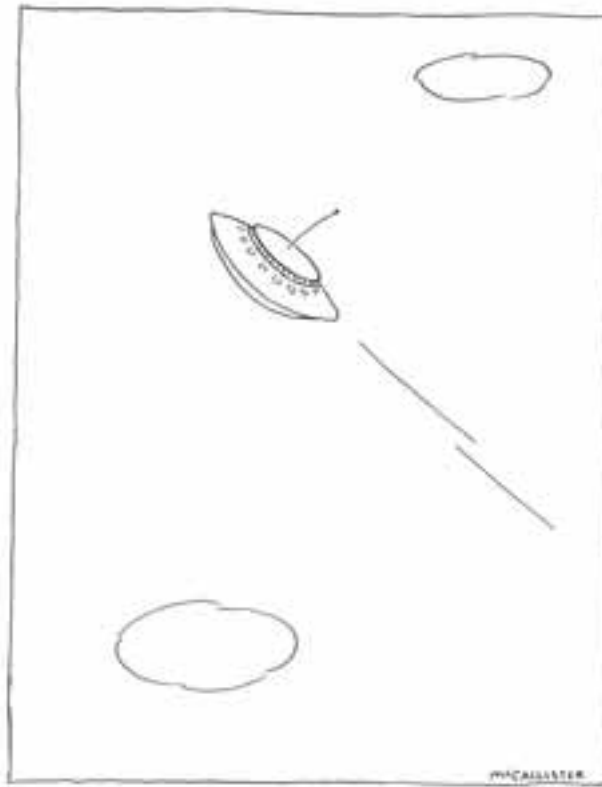


"You mean to tell me it does all that for only \$14.95?"



"What a beautiful odd-numbered day!"



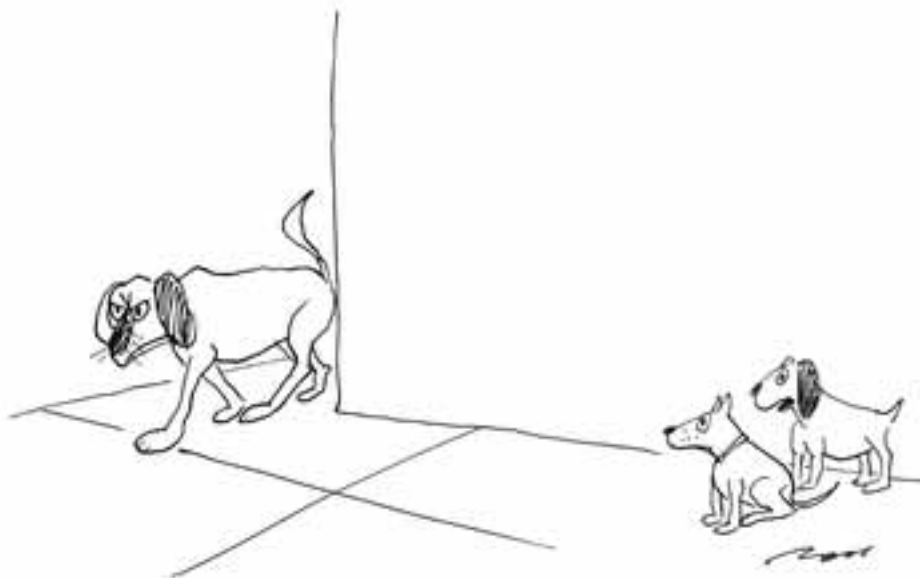


*“With the possible exception of that pub crawl in
Dublin, I found the entire planet a bore.”*





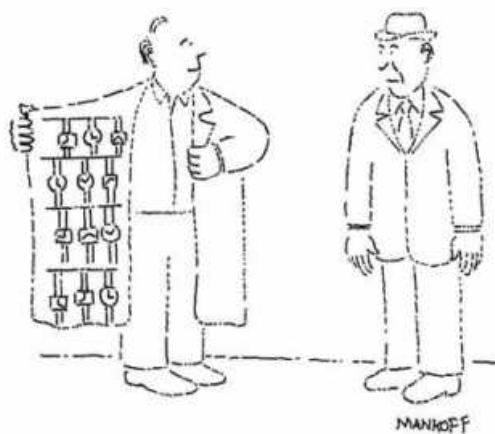
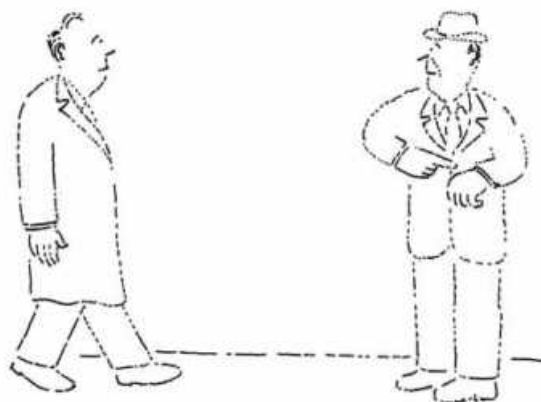
“There’s got to be more to life than just tightening one’s belt.”



"Whatever you do, don't call him middle-class."



"And how would you like your funny money?"





“And now with a rebuttal . . .”



*“Women kiss women good night. Men kiss women good night.
But men do not kiss men good night—especially in Armonk.”*



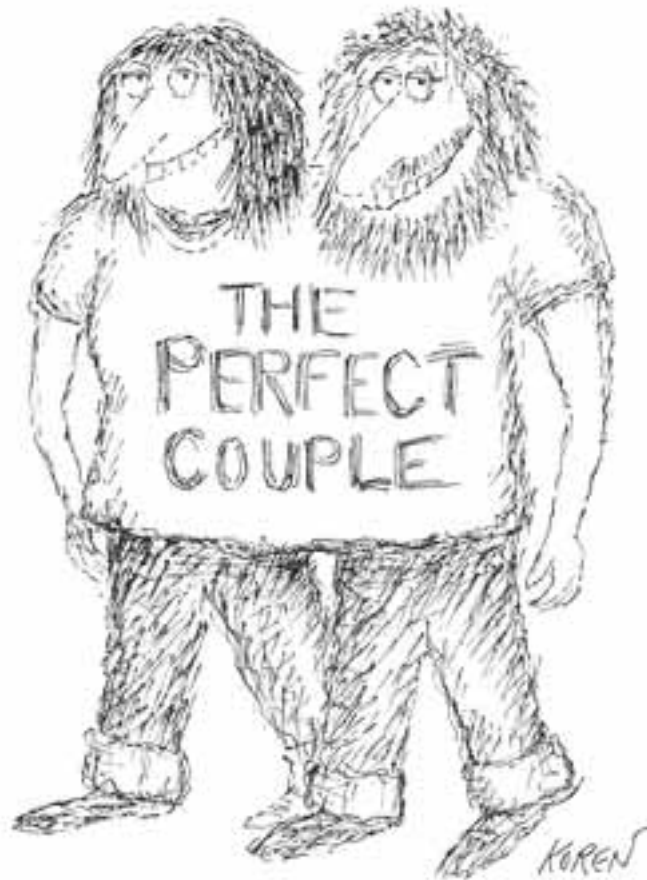
“In George Bush we have a figure in the tradition of Teddy Roosevelt, Abe Lincoln, and Ike Eisenhower—someone revered on the national front who is also proven and respected internationally, a man not only a credit to the Republican Party but to the country as a whole.”



*"I guess this is the first time I've actually been seen
through the eyes of a novelist."*

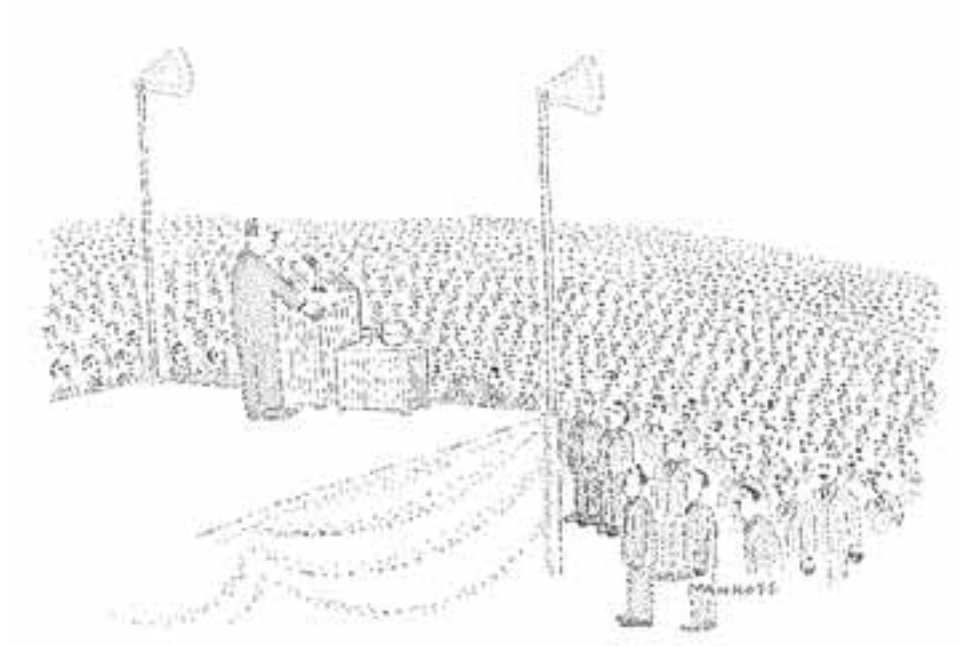


“And this is Ann Braverman—one of the legendary ladies of Stuyvesant Town.”





"Here's to you and me, Esther, but not to us."



“My fellow-candidates . . .”

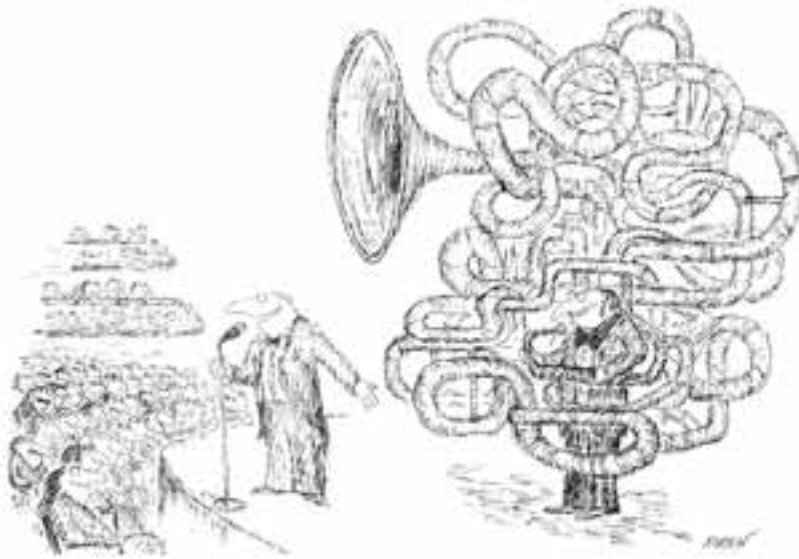


"Thank you, that will be all."





*“There’s a lot of anger out there, and I want us
to be the first agency to harness it.”*



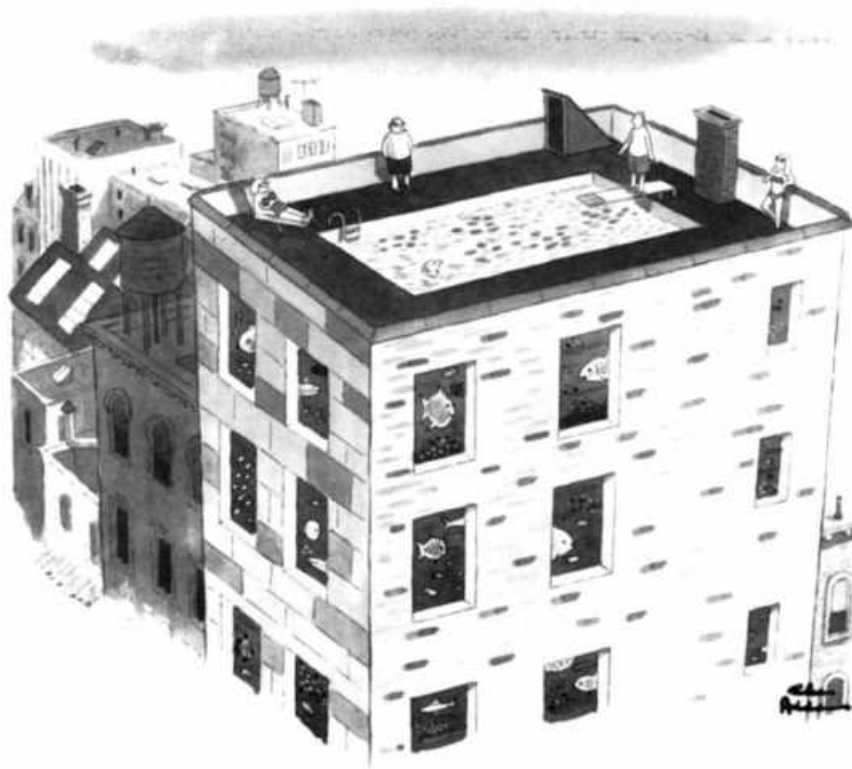
*"I have the honor to present the man who has done
so much to popularize this instrument."*



“The question is, do we want to emphasize foreign policy to take the people’s minds off domestic policy, or emphasize domestic policy to take the people’s minds off foreign policy?”



"Have a pious, thrifty, hardworking day."





"I'm afraid I can't help you. I'm from New Zealand, and all I know is sheep."



“Let’s see, your schedule for today, as I have it, says you will arrive at the office late, glance through your mail, leave immediately for lunch, and never return, ever.”







“Bankruptcy doesn’t seem to have hurt your putting eye a bit, Pete.”



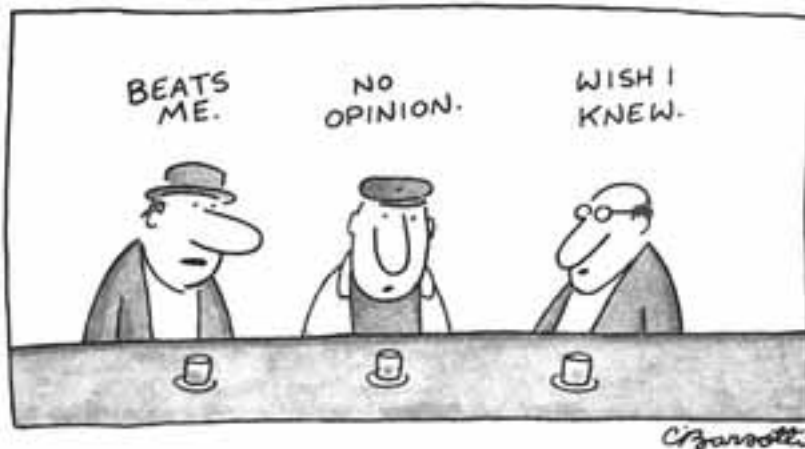


*“Just after you left, fourth body discovered in trophy room.
The old boy himself, Lord Manleigh. Blunt instrument again.
Charred remains of young Manleigh’s English horn found in
library fireplace. Back at the Hog and Dove, proprietor reports
stranger put foot to barman’s singing basset hound. Inspector
satisfied incident in no way connected with dark doings at
Manleigh Hall. I ate your cherry tart.”*



*"You may quote me any time you wish. Everything
I say is in the public domain."*

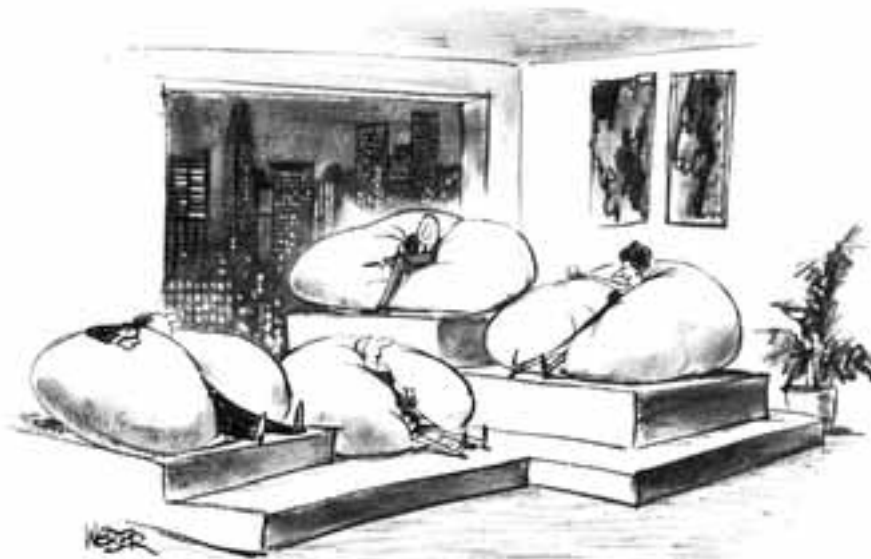
THE NIGHT THE SPIRIT WENT OUT OF THE
GUYS AT KELLY'S BAR-AND-GRILL.







"It's bedlam here. How's it around there?"

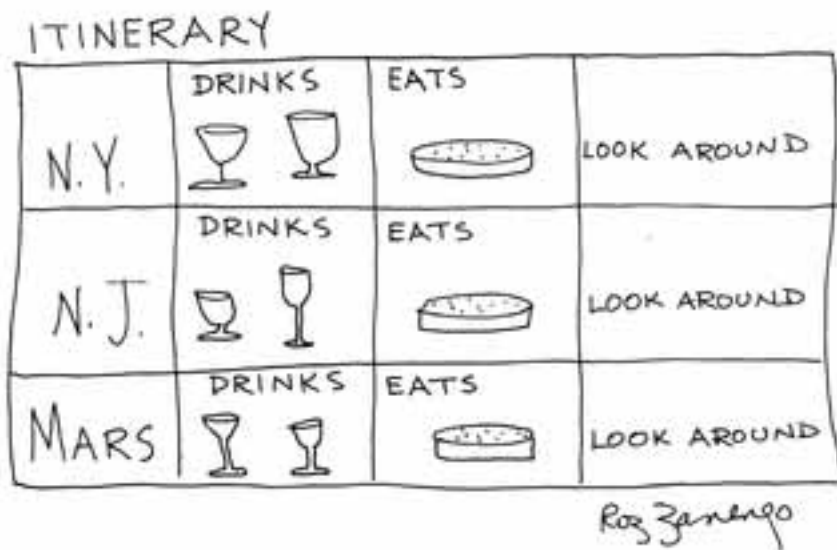


"You couldn't call us rich, but we're comfortable."





*"I'm sorry, but the director of the film has asked specifically
that people like you not be allowed to see it."*





"He used to paint there on weekends. Now he only uses it to sulk."



"Hey, guys, you know what?"

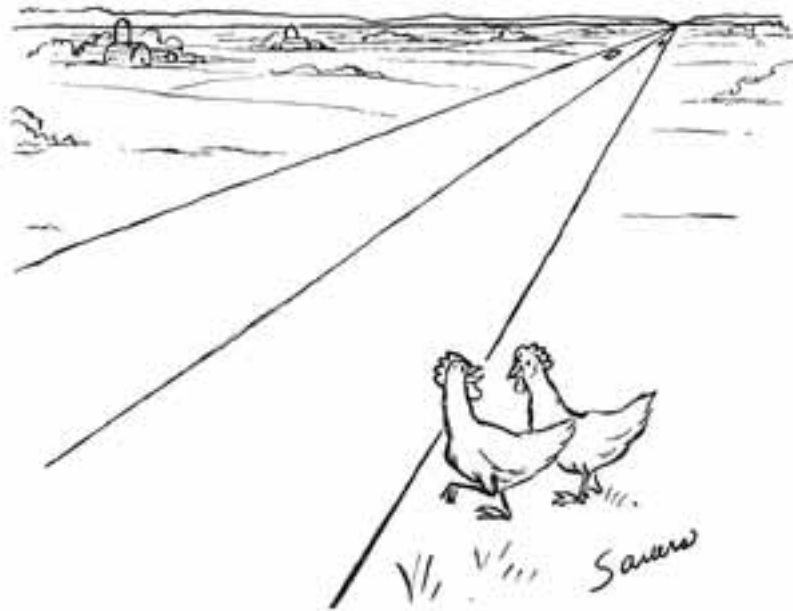


"His laryngitis has been a godsend, but I still have to contend with his video portion."

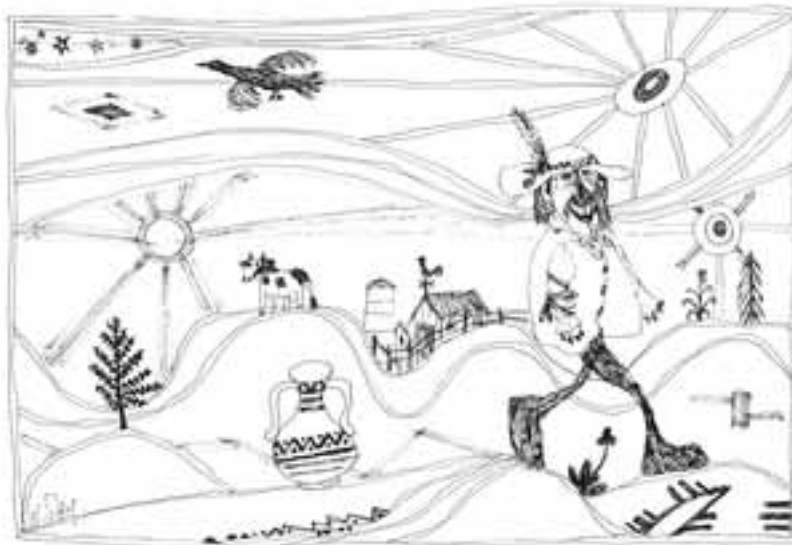




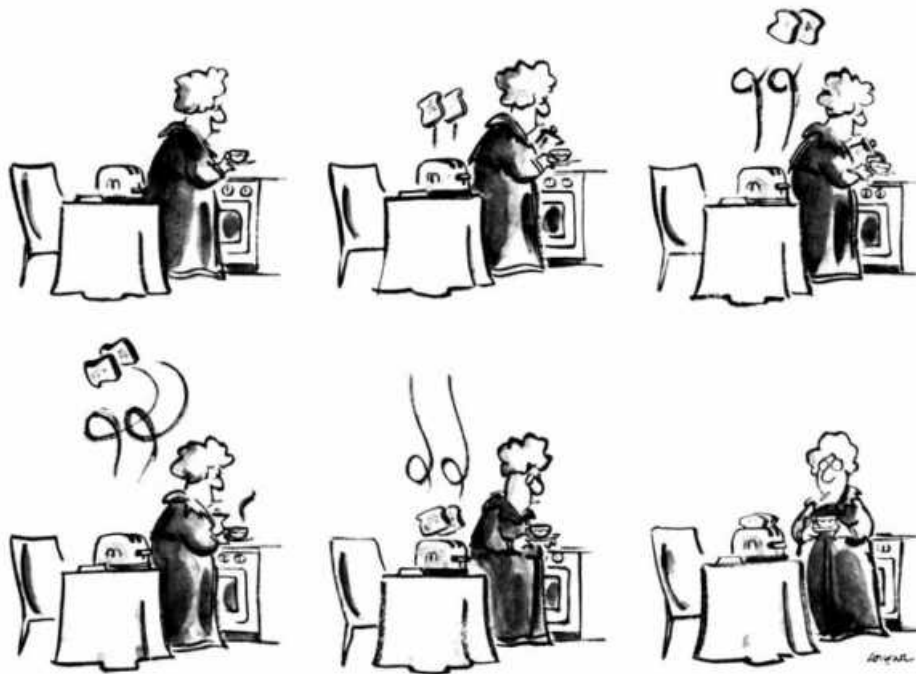
"I had the most marvellous dream last night. The whole world was done over in wall-to-wall carpeting."

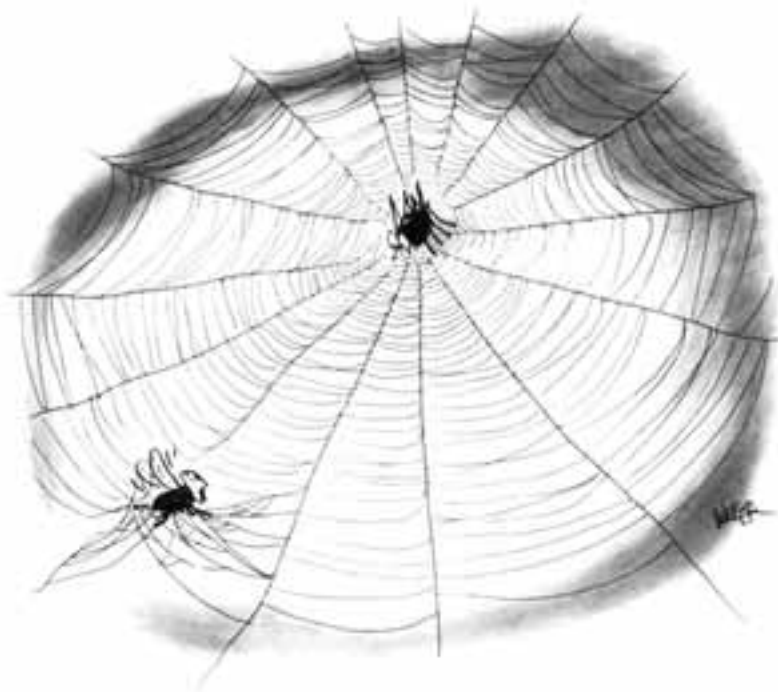


"It may be my imagination, but lately it seems a lot easier to get to the other side."



A Stranger Passes By

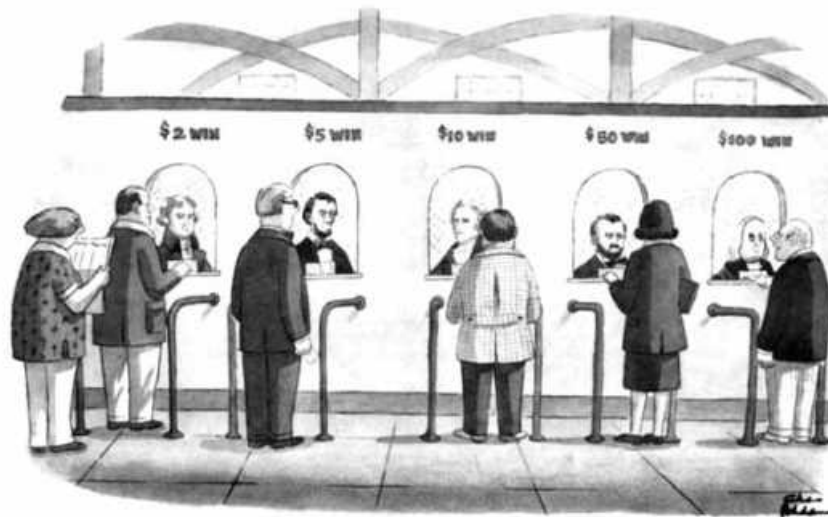




*"I can't walk into your goddam parlor!
I'm stuck in your goddam foyer!"*



“Hofrichter, I’m afraid we’re putting you out to pasture.”





*"You and I know that might makes right,
but I wouldn't dwell on it."*



*"Maybe it's not something in the rheostat.
Maybe it's something in you."*





"Guess who made the pâté."





"That's it?"





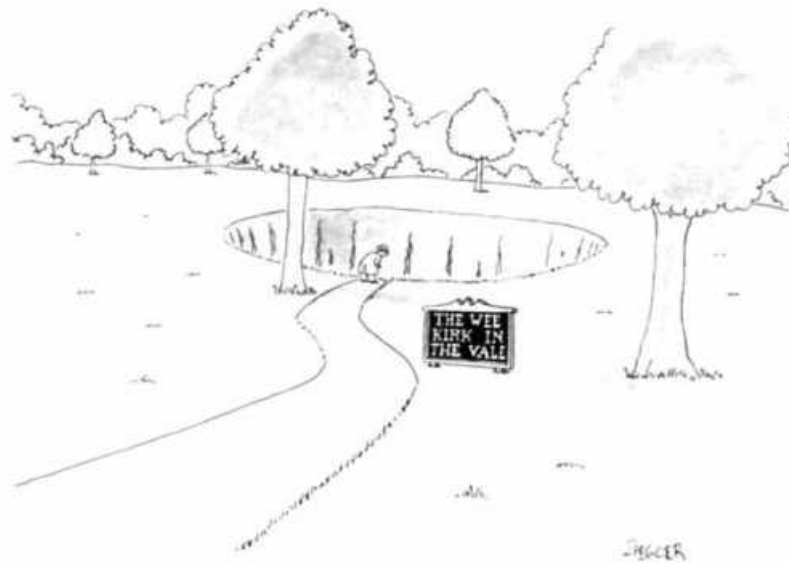
*"I don't agree with a word you've said so far.
Please keep talking."*







"I wonder if there's a letter in there from the children."



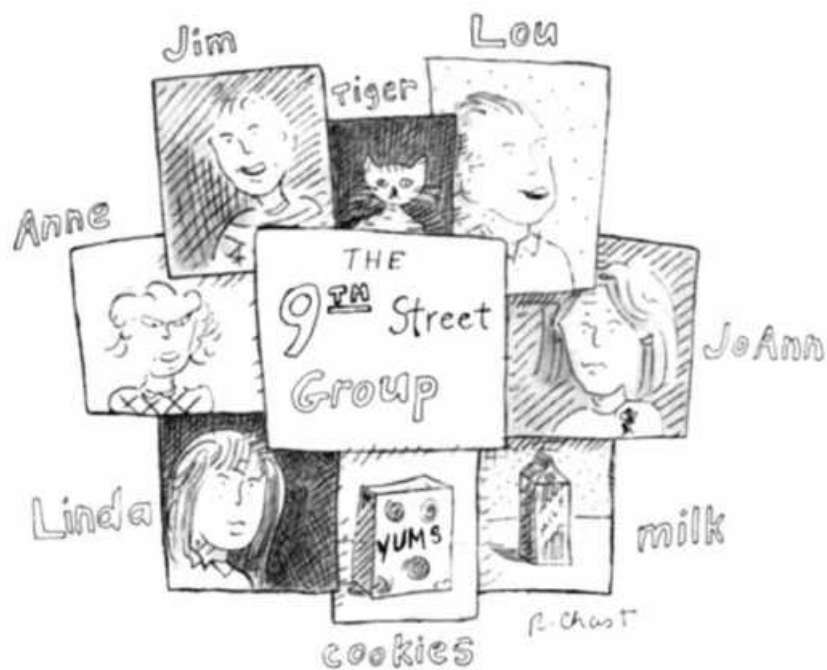


"Kim, to me you're capital 'W' woman."



"Nice touch, Jenkins. I like a man who salutes."





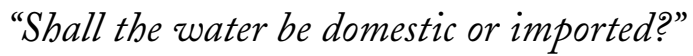


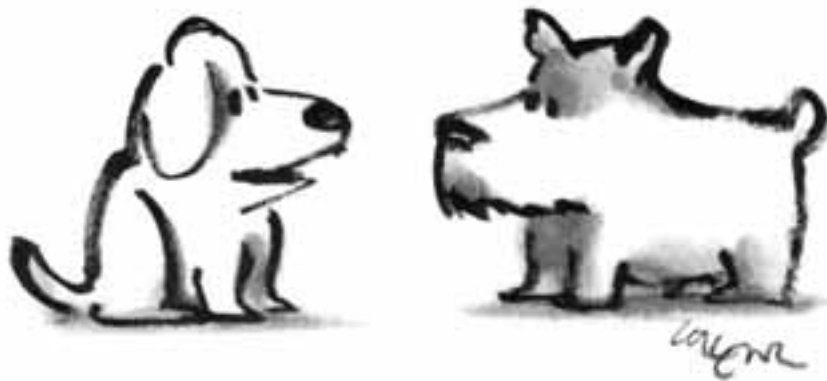


“Good morning, Madam. I am not here to sell you anything. I am not here to solicit your opinion about anything. I am not here to ask directions. I am, in a word, simply and existentially here.”



“It’s such a thrill to meet the modern artist’s modern artist.”





*"I attribute it to human error. But then I attribute
everything to human error."*



*“Our recommendation, then, is that we all
take a little under the table.”*



“Now I know what makes you seem so out of it, George Cranford. Somehow you’ve managed to retain your masculine complacency.”



*“First, Madam, let me say that I
am not Steve Martin.”*





“Our troubles are over! The car was stolen!”



“I beg your pardon.”



Storm Developing



"It's simple. Connally booms, and I like booming."



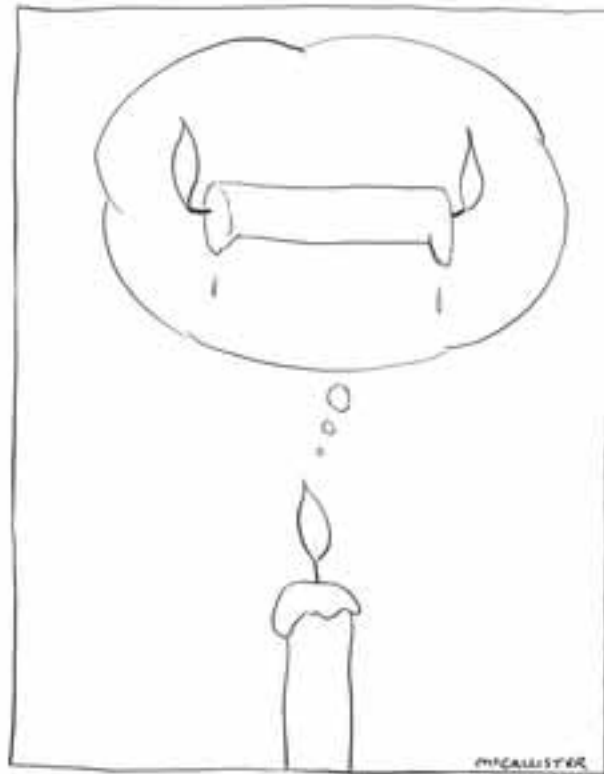
*"I don't know what it all means, either. But it's
certainly better than porno shops."*



“Yes, it is perfect, but don’t you think it’s rather small?”



“That’s Dobson. He has the first-strike capability around here.”





"But you can't fire me, sir. I'm entrenched."

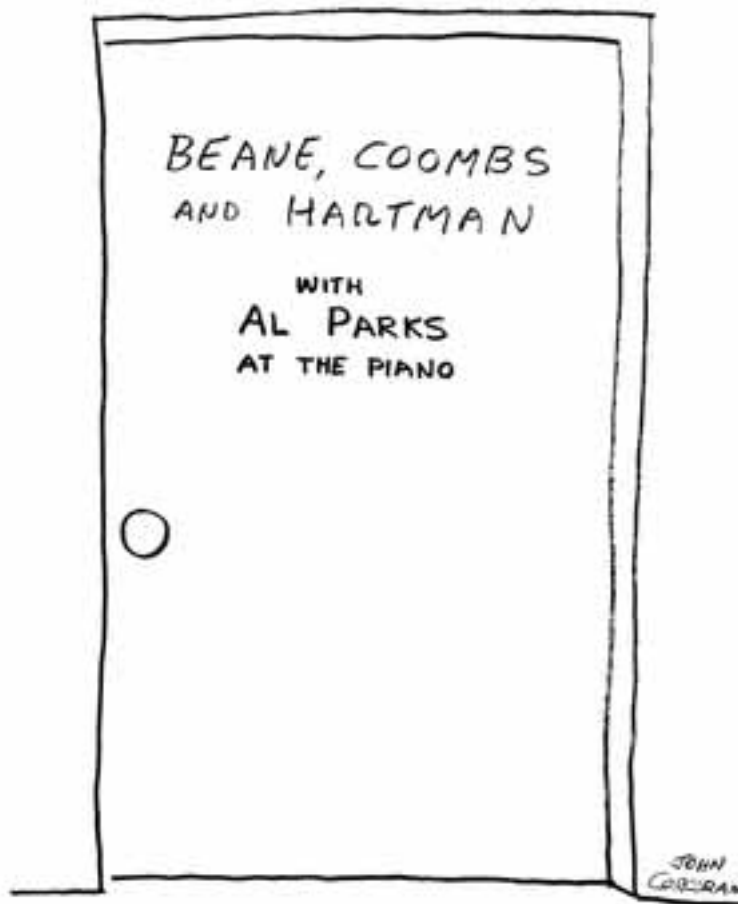




“Mirror, mirror, on the wall, go to hell.”



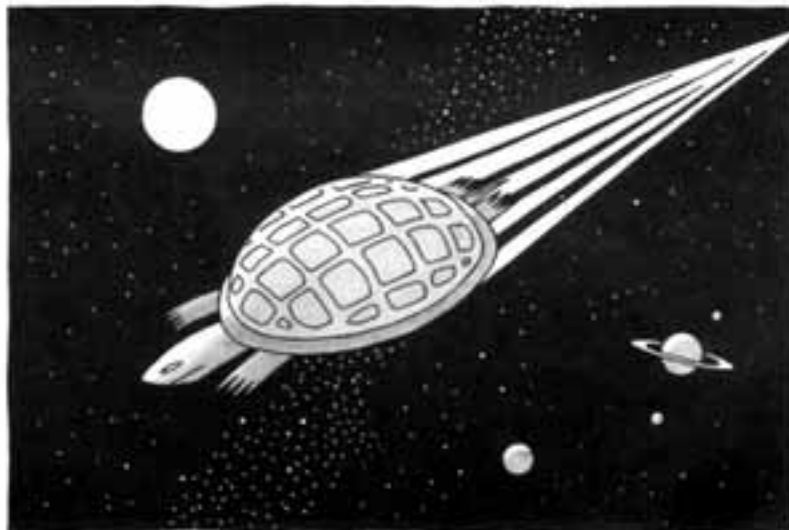
*“Come and meet Sandra, dear. Sandra is one of those
lucky blondes with easy-to-tan skin.”*





"I've lost my customary brio."





Battlestar Galápagos



"Hollywood has never dared to deal with such an explosive subject! Except once in 1947, in '56, and again in '72."

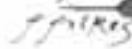


"I'm afraid we'll have to call it quits, Irene. I love a parade."



“Justin T. Arteberry, of Arteberry, Arteberry, Goodhue & Judd.”





"It's been one of those days. First the fat was in the fire, then a fly was in the ointment, and now the cat is among the pigeons."



“The final tragedy is that even my wildest fantasies are ordinary.”



"It won't be necessary to bring the Rolls around this morning, Peters. Mr. Harcourt will be taking the moped."



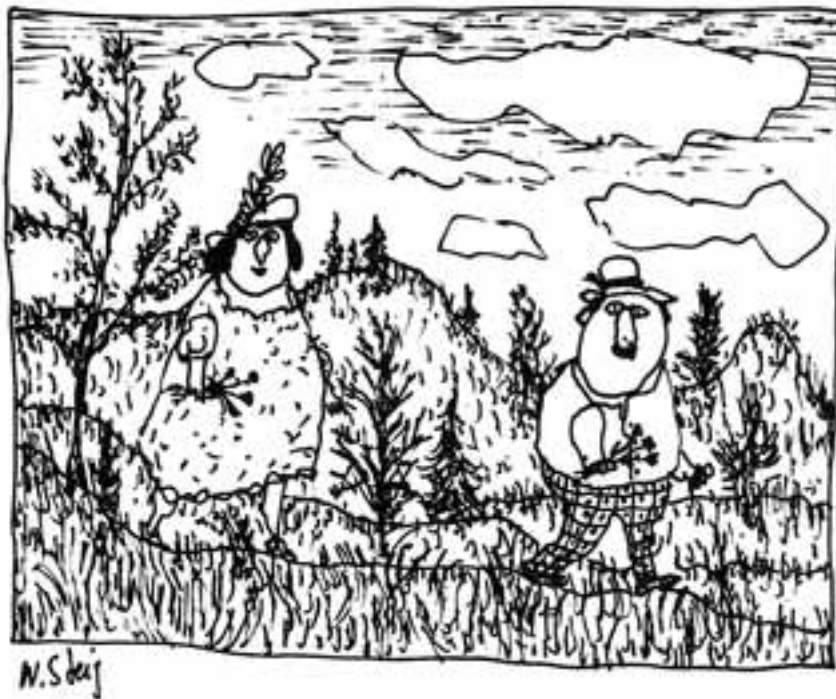
“As Jerry Brown says . . .”



*“When ‘The Hollywood Squares’ comes on, you’ll see
him rock like there’s no tomorrow.”*



“For some reason, I suddenly have this cult following.”



Wildflower Walk





“O.K., Congreve, just what’s your angle?”





"You'll love Ella. She's mind-boggling."





"All the Spanish he knows is how to order beer."



"What's the catch?"



"Look, Bob, I'll get right to the point."





*"Forty-eight years, Sarah, and I still go gaga when
I look at you. I must be nuts."*







“Which are you—a victim of society or a crook?”





"They look lovely today. Now take them away."



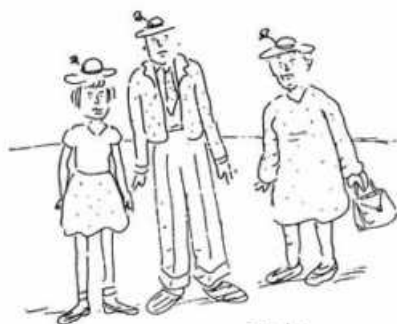


“Hey! Why don’t we helicopter-in some notables?”



"You have a wonderful body."

PEOPLES of the WORLD



The Burton Tribe



A Small Group of Caswell-Becks



Native Whitfields



Some Members of the Parkers

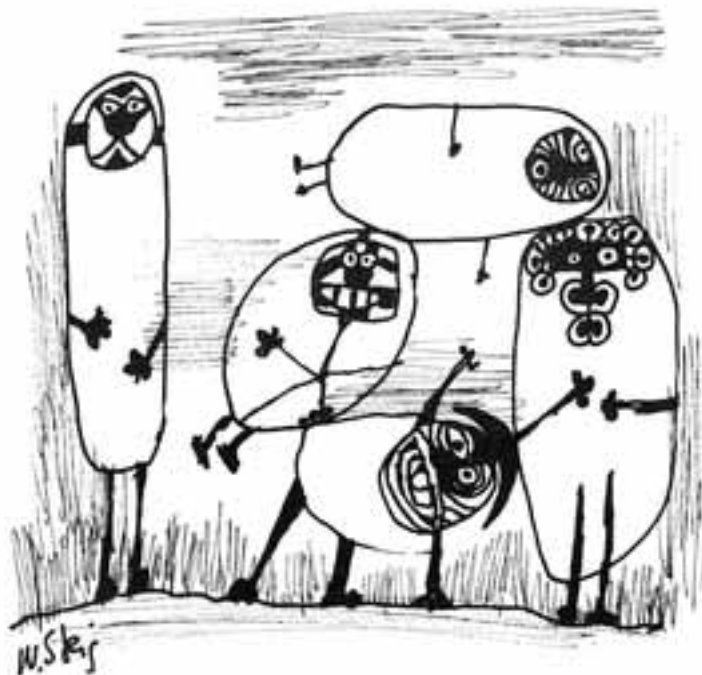
R. Chast



"I'm leaving, Dad. Being your son was an interesting experience."



*“Strange. Twenty-four years later, and I still think of this
as the cocktail hour.”*



Rehearsal



"That's him right there, Tom. That's the man who's responsible for the energy crisis."



I remember well my sensation as we first entered the house. I knew instantly that something was very wrong. I realized that my father's chair had been sat in, as well as my mother's and my own. The porridge we had left on the table to cool had been partially eaten. None of this, however, prepared me for what we were about to discover upstairs



"Love your shirt, Mr. Fenway."



*“Will you be terribly upset if I change my mind
and get out here?”*



"Oh, you'll like Mr. Kennely. Mr. Kennely is a pussycat."



"Well, the crops are in."



“Yessir, women sure caused me a bunch of trouble in my day. Take that snippy Martha Blodgett, who hid my schoolbooks under a bush. And Mable Johnson, who was forever drawing on my blotting paper. Not to mention Janie Bradshaw and the time she put a frog in my boot. Yessir, women sure caused me a heap of trouble in my day.”



"We may be eleventh in the world in this, and seventeenth or eighteenth or even fiftieth in that, but over all we're still Number One."



*“Well, we had a conversation of sorts, but it was
punctuated by long silences.”*



"It's me, Paul Newman, speeding by in my racing car."





"Nat is here with us through the gracious courtesy of Ahsas Records."



"My face hurts from too much laughing."



"Just when I was feeling secure, they changed the menu."



*“Those? Oh, things to do, random thoughts,
and some ideas for my novel.”*

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AVERAGE JOES

Joe Stone



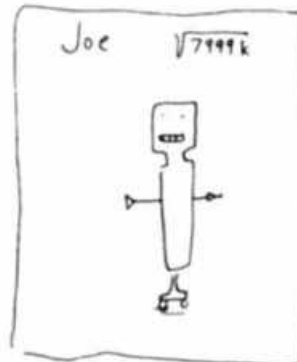
Joe Parker



Joe McGillicuddy



Joe $\sqrt{7999k}$



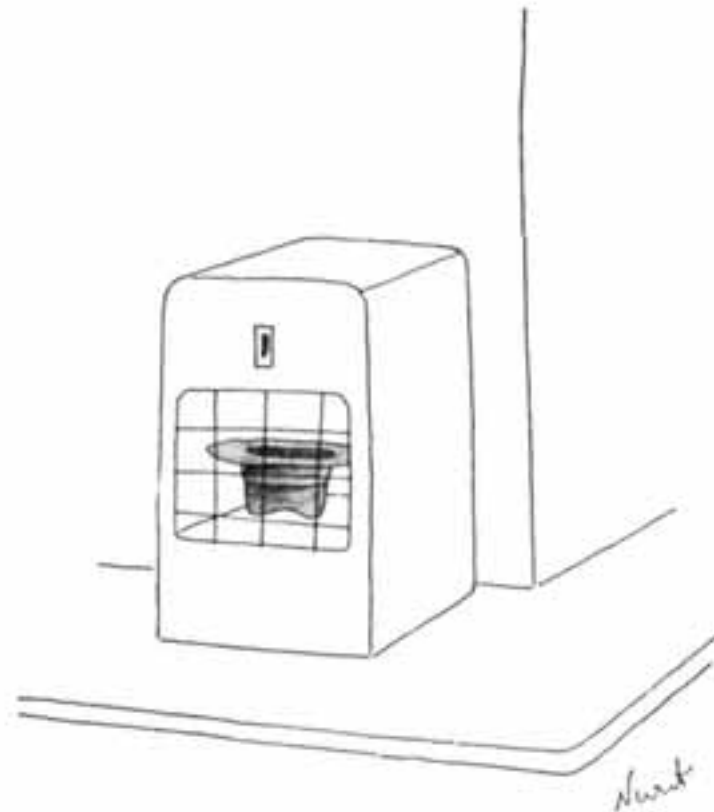
R. Chast





“Now, promise you won’t start pointing things out.”







“Well, young lady! It looks like we’ve still got some growing up to do.”



“Relax. I’ve come for your toaster.”



"Have you heard the news? The tree is going co-op."





"From the desk of Oscar G. Walters . . ."



*“Everyone in the room is curious about who you are.
By the way, who are you?”*



*"If it weren't for the great American sense of humor,
this country would really be in a mess."*



"This is ridiculous, Andrew. We can't hole up here and never go out anywhere just because you're an oil person."



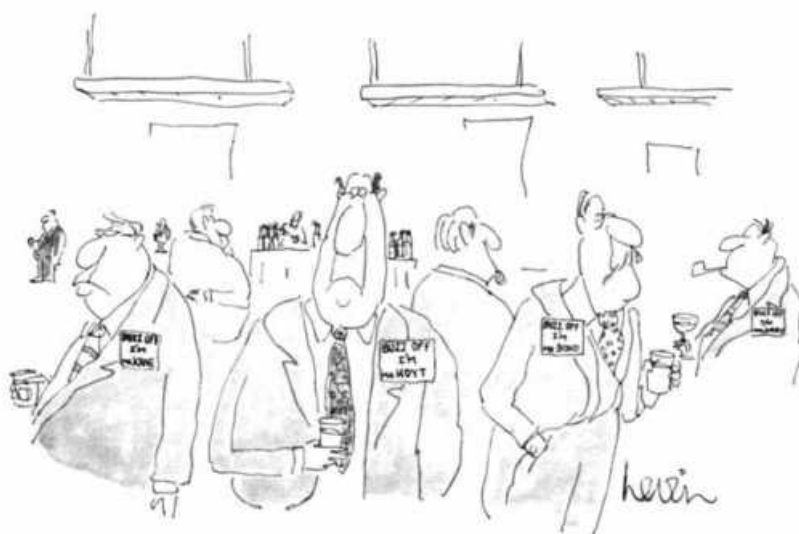


"Eight hundred and fifty years old! I guess we have to check it out."





"I had to send the wife upstate for a while. Disco madness."





*“Now, don’t pretend, Mr. Delevan. I can always tell
when a man is starting to get interested in me.”*





*“Believe me, it’s hell to live with genius—
even advertising genius.”*



"And for those of you who may disagree with my public stance on Salt II, remember, privately I'm saying quite the opposite."



“Evolution sure goofed there. Those guys aren’t particularly good at anything.”



*"I tell you, Harry, there are no echelons
like the upper echelons."*





*“Look, if you can’t stand the Byzantine intrigue, perhaps
you should get out of the cabal.”*



"I must ask you something, Miss Begett. Did you try the tortoni?"





*"It never occurred to me before, Harold, but you're
just like a George Segal!"*

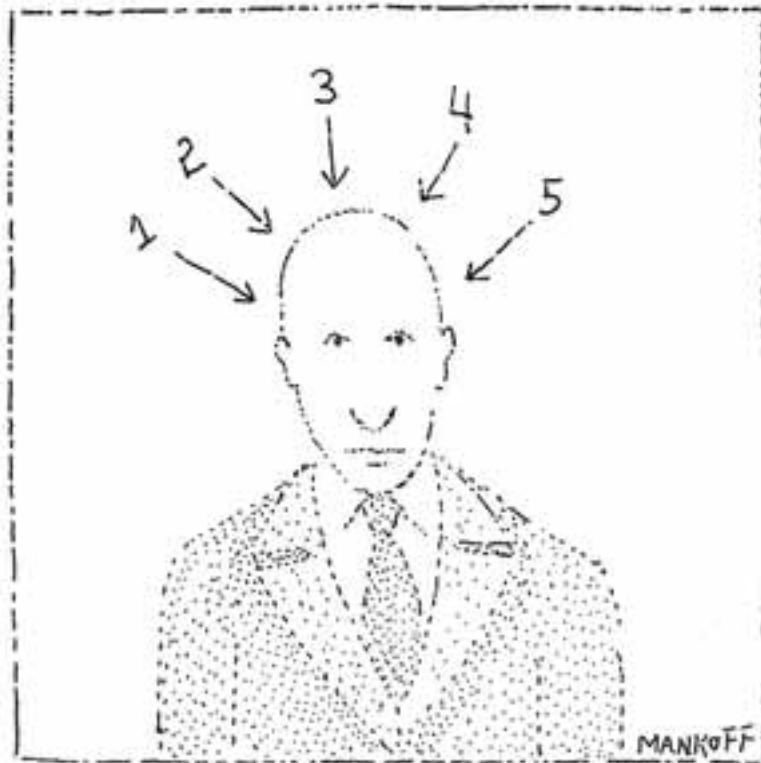


“Finished ventilating? Good! Now Im going to ventilate.”

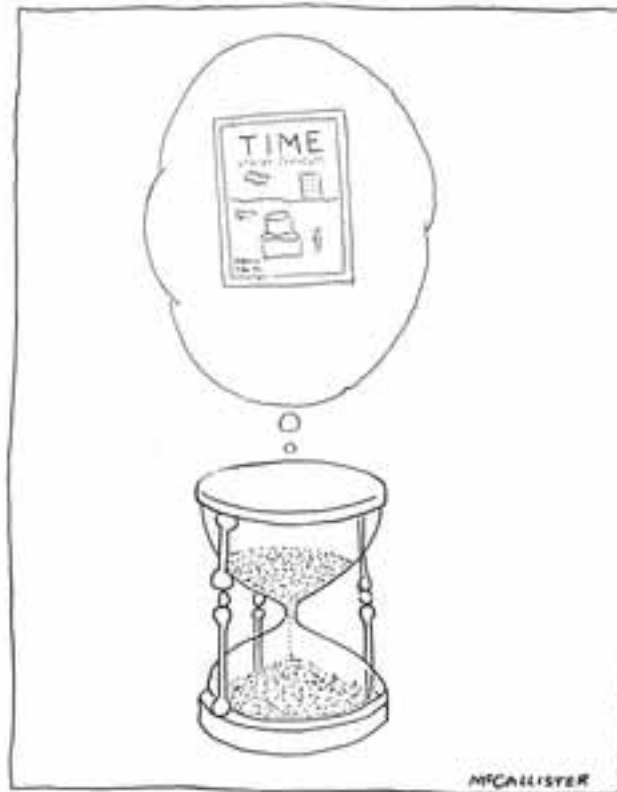


Charles Barsotti

"Would you like to hear some music while you hold?"



The Five Major Warning Signs of Baldness







"This is Miss Halpern, my sounding board."



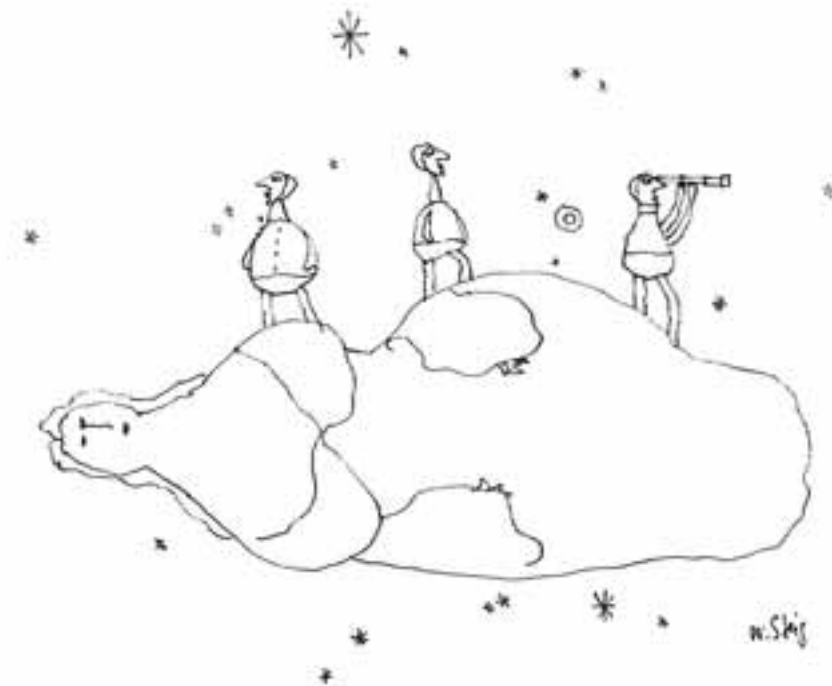
*“With Hugh, there are no fancy frills or surprises.
He’s just your good old basic husband.”*



*"I can't remember—are we still supposed to pay
attention to Kissinger?"*



“According to the charts, it should be all clear sailing after this.”



Space Exploration

William Steig (8/20/1979)

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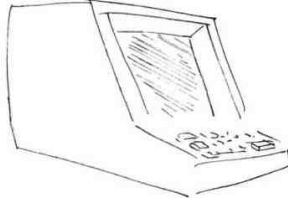




"I think you know everybody."

WHAT ABOUT US?

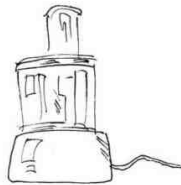
"Threatened cutbacks in energy totally ignore those of us most directly affected," says an electric toothbrush in Riverdale, New York. "How could human beings like to be told to breathe less air? Many of us, frankly, are sore as hell, and we don't plan to take this lying down."



A computer in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has already begun its protest, endlessly repeating "Data potato . . . du wep . . . du wep . . ."



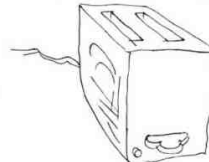
"Once the American people hear disco at one-fifth normal speed," says a record-player in Newark, New Jersey, "they'll rethink their priorities."



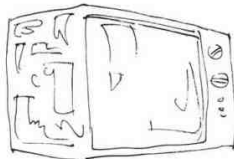
"I'm opting for a graduated response," says a food processor in Beverly Hills. "From now on, I will julienne but never parée."



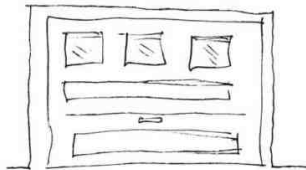
A hair dryer in Tulsa says, "It's going to be a cold, cold wind from yours truly. I anticipate a sharp increase in pneumonia nationwide."



"Next time somebody drops a piece of bread in me," says a toaster in Portland, Maine, "I intend to keep it."



A color TV in East Meadow, Long Island, says, "I plan to present all the programs as usual, but entirely in the indigo-violet end of the spectrum. Shows like 'Mork & Mindy' will, I suspect, be oddly depressing in these hues."



"The American people had faith in us, and we had faith in them," says an electric garage door in Lake Forest, Illinois. "On Labor Day, I'm closing forever."

STEVENS



"That's a blockbuster?"



"If possible, we'd like a seat in between us."





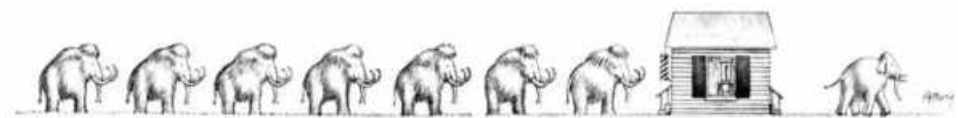




*“Well, good night and thanks. It’s fun every so often
to get out of the fast lane.”*



“Of course I’m sensitive and perceptive. It’s my business to be sensitive and perceptive.”

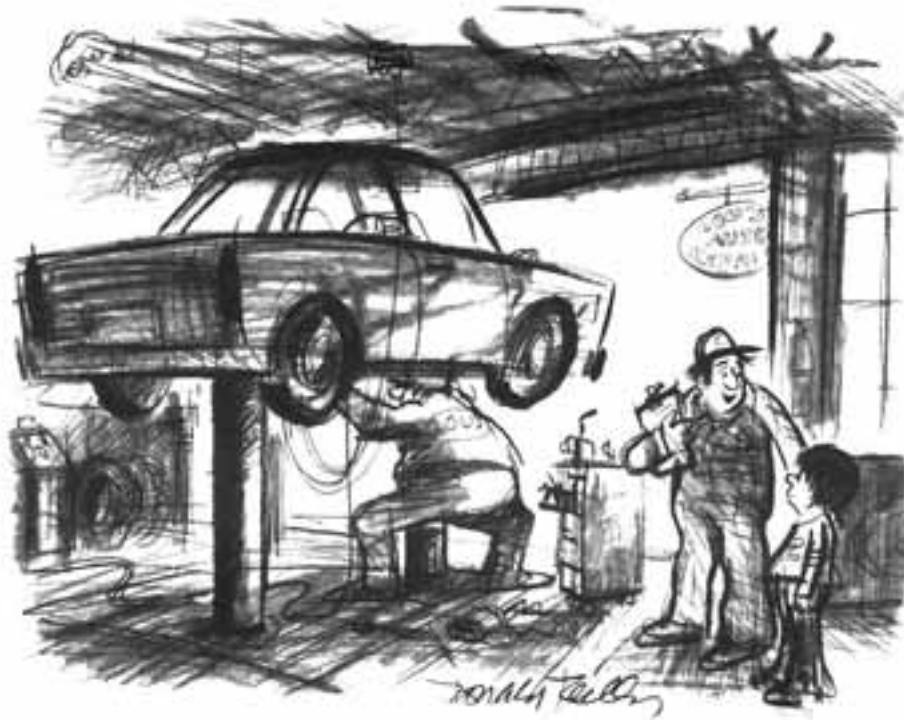








"What do you mean 'more'?"



“Always remember, son, that at any given moment there are hundreds of thousands of transmissions out there breaking down, and that’s how you’ll share in life’s banquet.”



“Mr. Evanston, you know, is widening his circle of advisers.”





"I love your husband, Louise. He's very male without being macho."





“What is this mysterious calm that has suddenly engulfed me, Miriam?”



"In my opinion, gentlemen, what we have here is a rather extraordinary example of the greenhouse effect."



"Senator William J. Billworth and his team!"



"After all this time, Morgan, I've discovered that your first name is Leonard. May I call you Lennie?"



"Please do, sir."



"Any more loafing around the typing pool and you're out on your duff, Lennie."



"I love you. I love everything about you. Well, actually everything except maybe your ears. I don't like your ears."

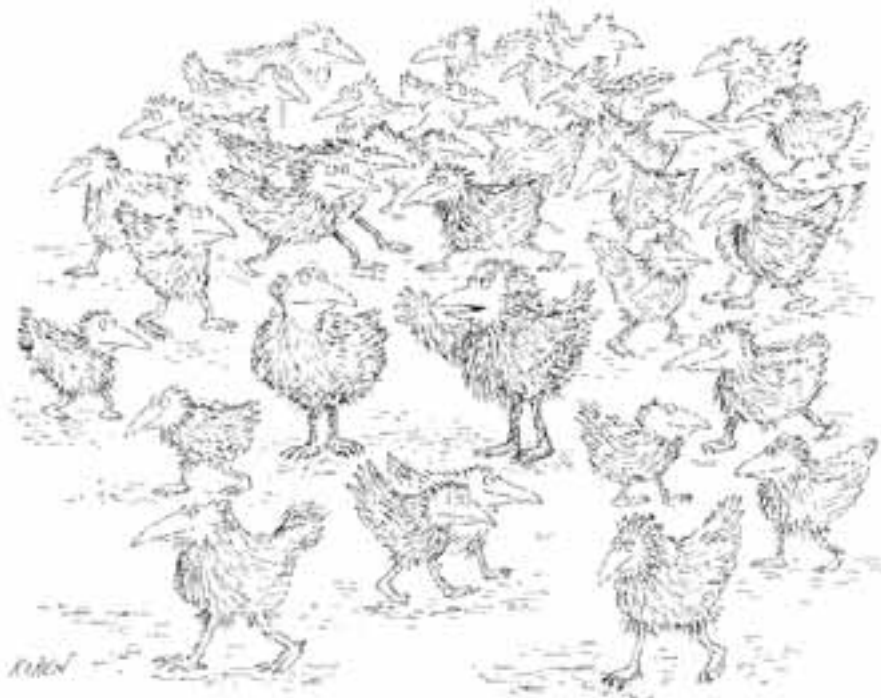


"And now I will take a few questions from the audience."



"She's just like her mother!"



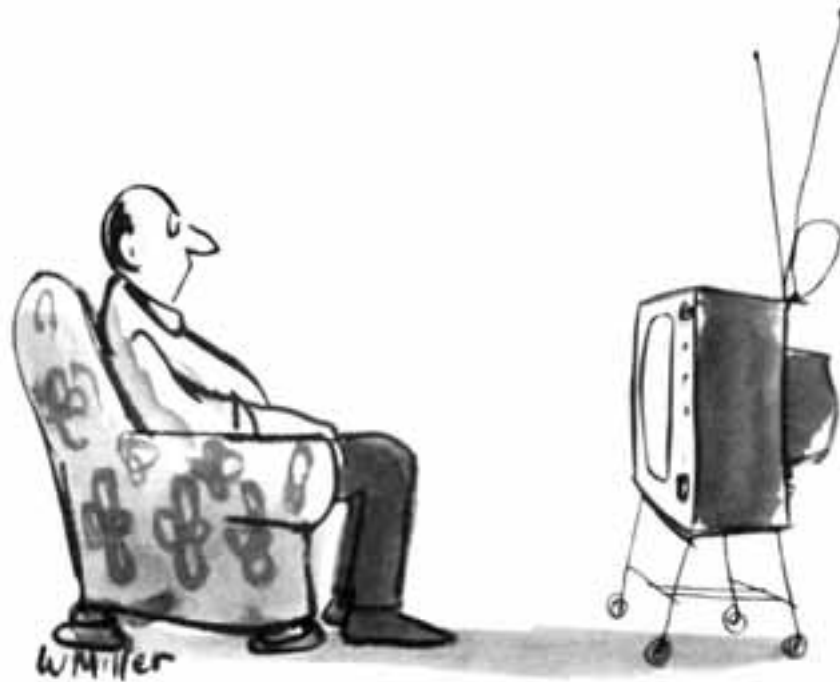


“Oh, excuse me! I thought you were somebody I know.”



“God, is there anything quite as attractive as intensity?”





“Now available for the first time: ‘A Treasury of Management Opinions’—a complete collection of management opinions for the past ten years on your choice of L.P. recordings or eight-track tapes. Here’s how to order.”



“All right, Carruthers, what’s on our agenda for today?”



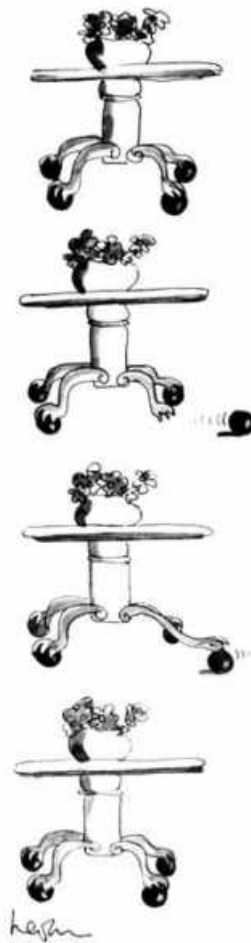
*"Wouldn't you think they'd have already awarded a
grant for the study of the fed-up?"*



*“Edgar, you’ve been retired for three years now.
Why don’t you loosen your tie?”*

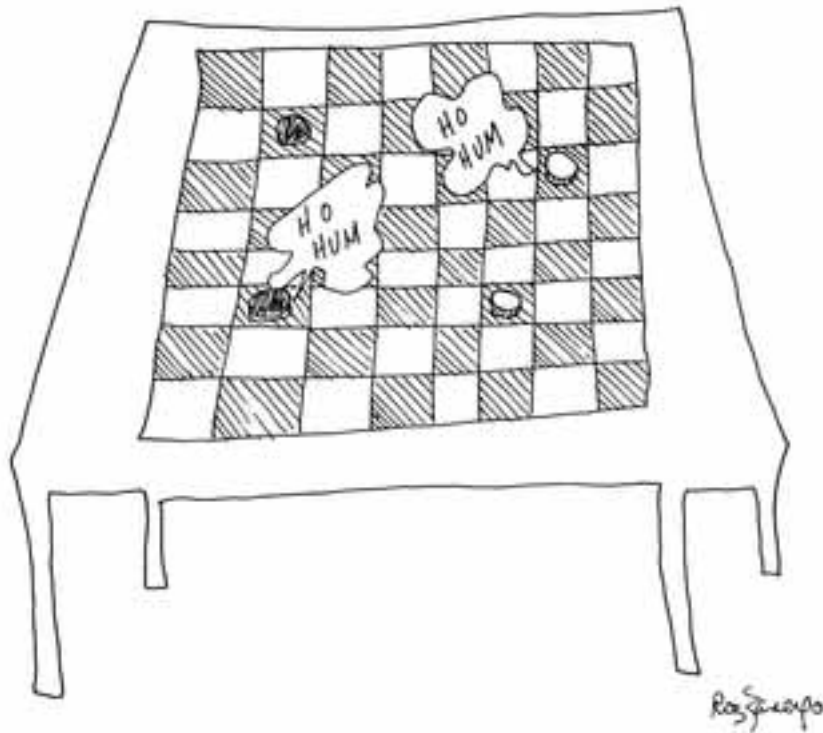


*“Please don’t use that joke about our vegetable garden
being at the A. & P.”*

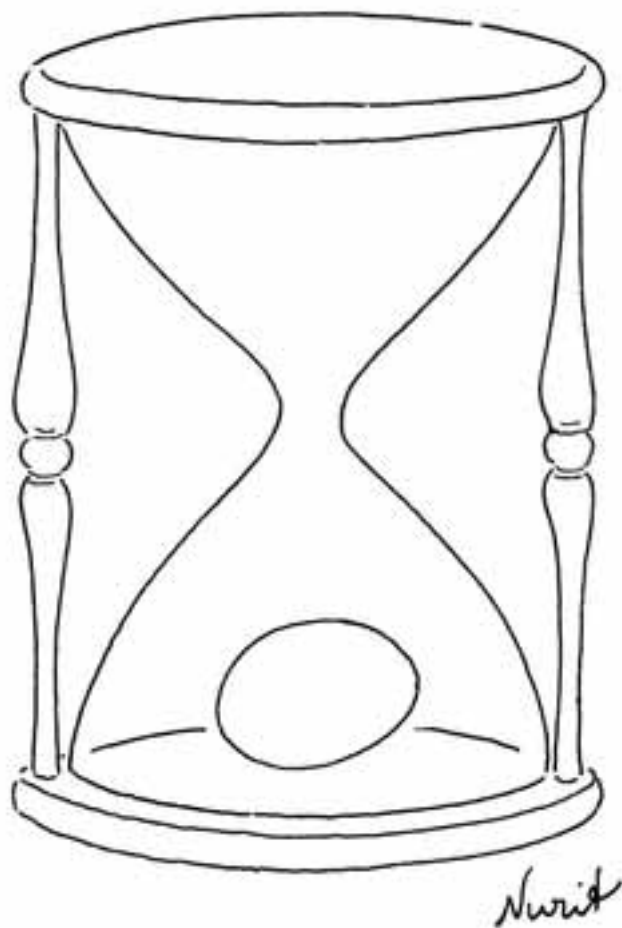




“Nine years ago, I quit the brokerage business to become a full-time, professional partygoer. I have never regretted that decision.”









“So that’s her knight in shining armor.”

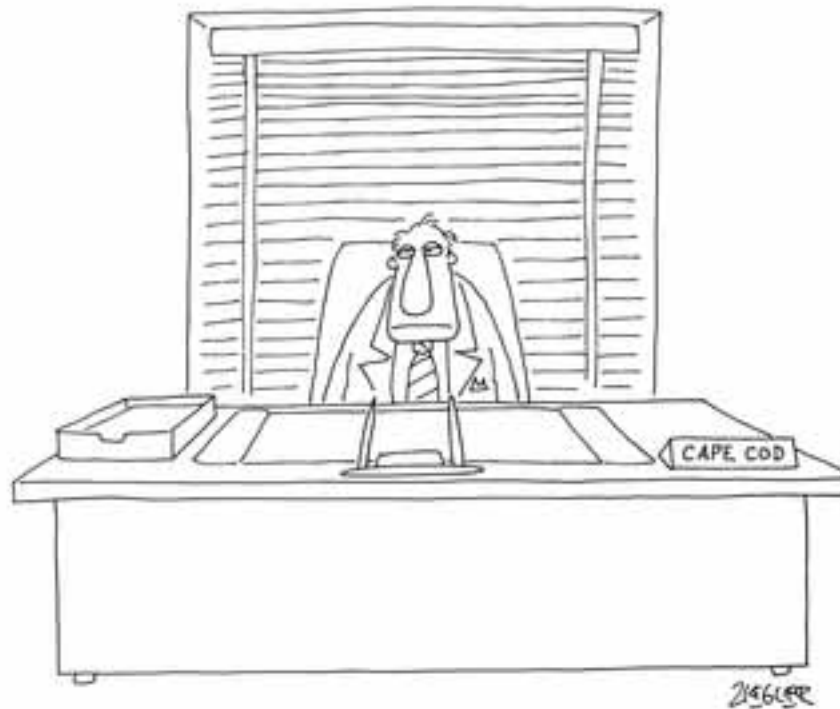


Charles Barsotti

“Are you ready for leadership?”



*"I remember opening the can, and I remember washing the pot,
but I don't remember eating the chili."*



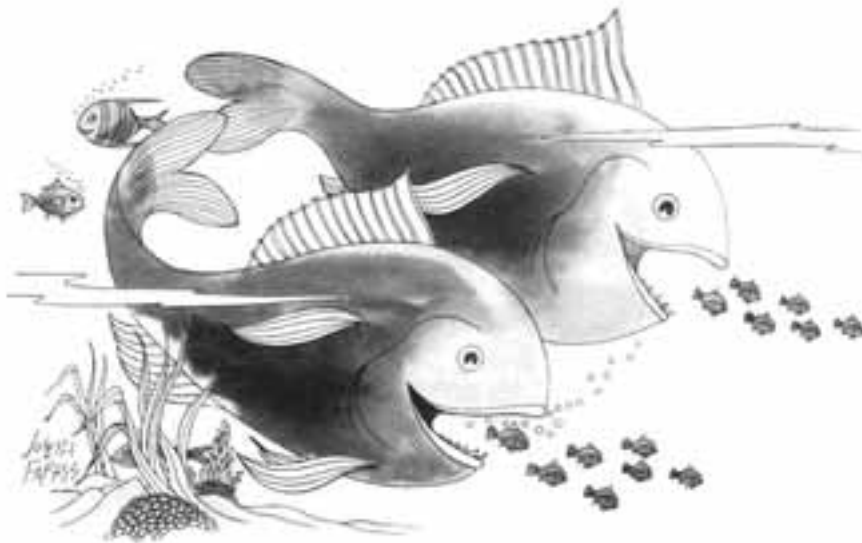
Energy-Efficient Vacation



*“Oh, good. Apparently Dr. Sturgeon and Dr. Winestaff
have agreed to disagree.”*



*"Possibly due to a technical error, I seem to be getting
someone else's comeuppance."*



“‘Big fish eat little fish.’ I like that.”

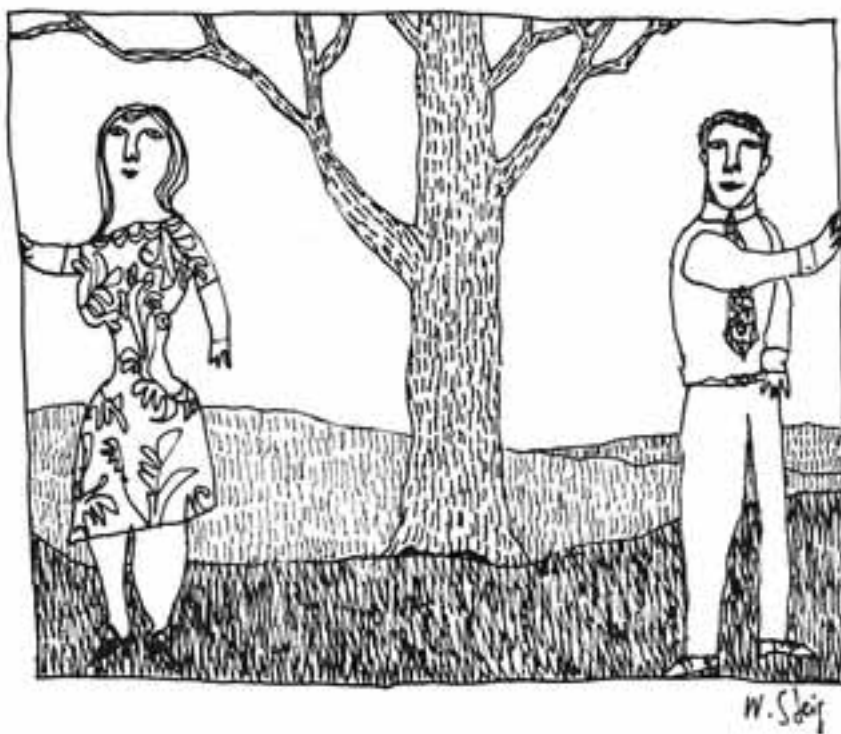




*“One night, while watching some purely
escapist junk on TV, he escaped.”*



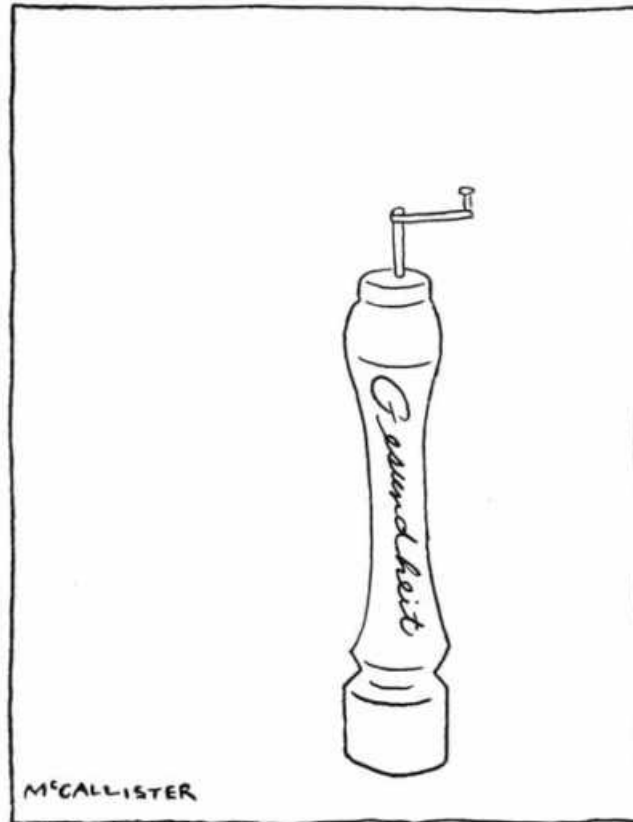
"Fred is a saint. Fred, you're a saint."



First Quarrel



*“Just for today, you call me Oberon and I’ll call you Titania.
Nobody else has to know.”*





“Hi! We’re the Clark family, from Paducah, Kentucky, and we thought we’d just drop in and see the President to tell him what we’re thinking.”



“He’s always silent, but it’s never an eloquent silence.”





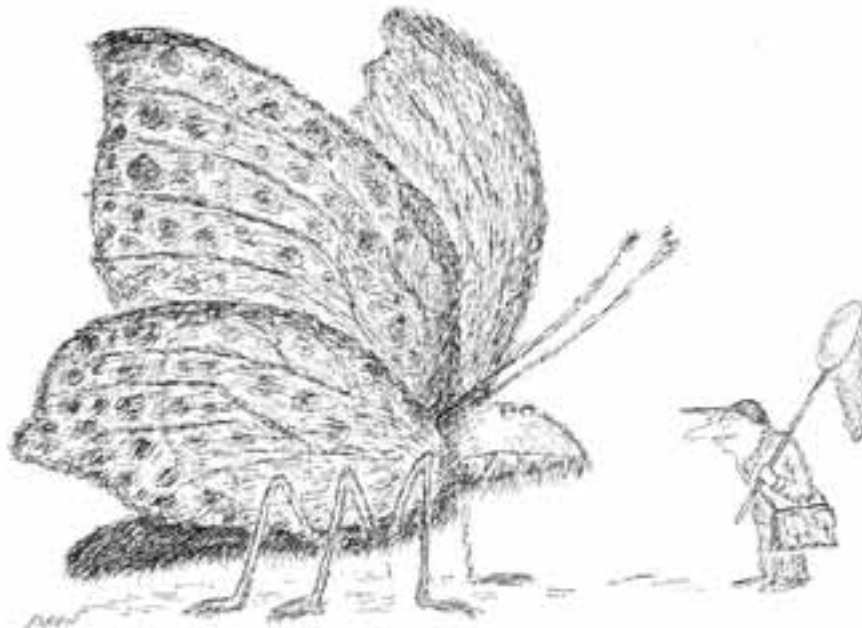
"Eureka! Another sticky, gooey mess!"



"I'd just like to say—and I think you'll agree with me, Ted—that, let's face it, first and foremost I'm a ballplayer."



"All who thought my little joke very funny say 'Aye.'"



Edward Koren (9/3/1979)

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"I cannot emphasize too strongly that it is my very, very humble opinion."



"Bring unto us dessert with topping."



"For heaven's sake, man, look ashamed. We're being televised."

UNCOMMON STILL-LIFES



Tomato, Glass of Water,
and Toast



Book and
Cleaning Product



Chicken Leg
and Vase



Chips and Dip on Oilcloth

R. Chast



*“Ours is a close-knit family, Mr. Bruno.
Is yours a close-knit family?”*





*"Forget I'm your son, Dad.
Give it to me straight."*

"You're fired."



"You have three wishes. Your first wish is . . ."



"Ease up on the good-natured barbs."



*"Ah, it's good to be back from the Hamptons
and into the fray again."*



*“When I told Charles about Susie and Paul’s engagement,
he jumped for joy.”*



*“How often, might I ask, does the
World Saxophone Congress meet?”*



*“Is one to assume that the country is also
running out of sprinkles?”*

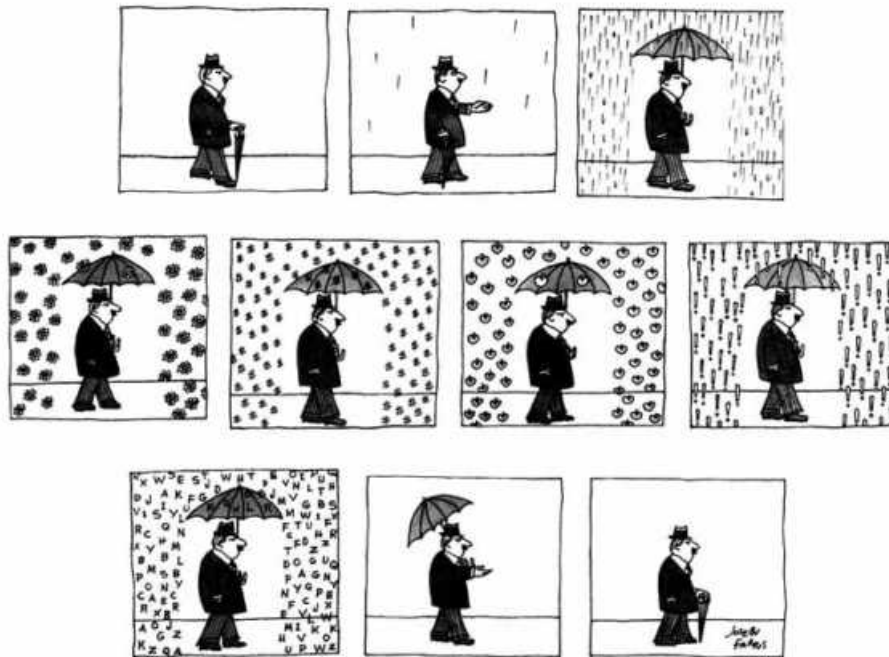


*“Our philosophy here at Dandelion Motors
is to treat the total car.”*



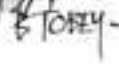


*"A word to the wise, Halbern—no one
around here is irreplaceable."*



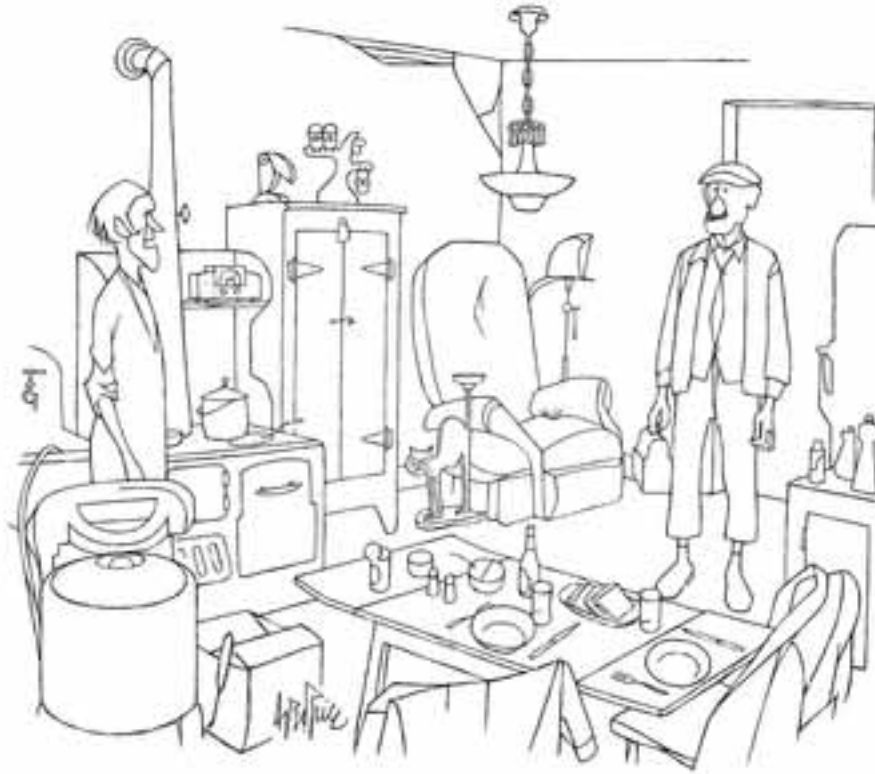


Lunch Break



“Madam, you’re mistaken! I definitely was not tickling your neck!”

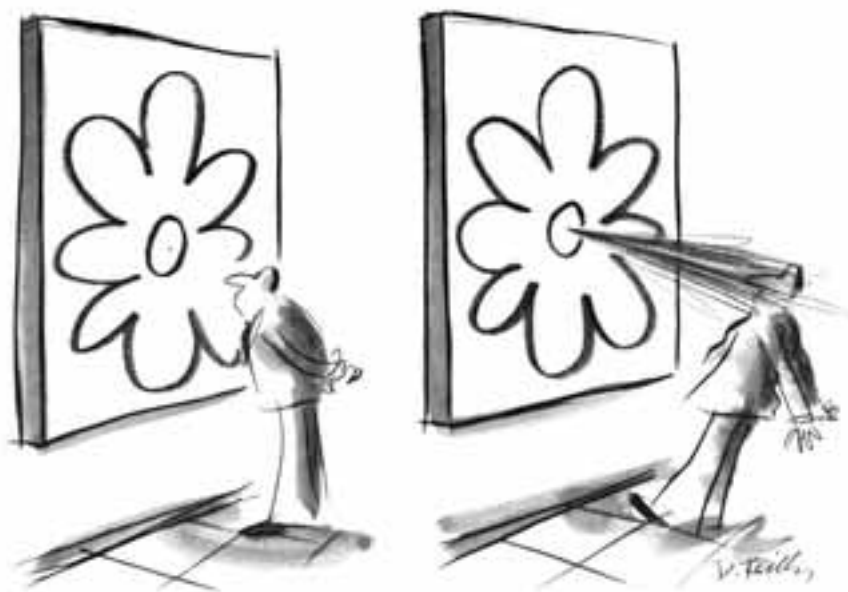




*“Dinner will be a little late. I spent most of the day
counting my blessings.”*



*“Look, will you forget about them? They’re in the past.
The important thing is what I feel now—about you!”*





“Lot number 324: table and chairs.”





*“Part of me supports SALT II, but I’m not
certain two-thirds of me supports it.”*



*"Thank you. Forester doesn't drink. It tends to
bring out his true nature."*



"We overanticipated Bali."



"If it please the Court, we would like to have a Big Mac, too."



"This is my only New York appearance this year."



*"To the United States of America—
a nation of crybabies!"*



*“Pull up a chair, relax, and just be yourself,
Armbruster. We’re all clichés here.”*



"It's no use, Mr. Carlson. I'm afraid it's lost its will to guzzle."





*"Me? Oh, I suppose you could say I'm intelligent.
That's about it, I guess."*



"Damn it, Miss Blake! Who pushed the panic button?"



“What’s the matter—you didn’t get a large enough audience share?”

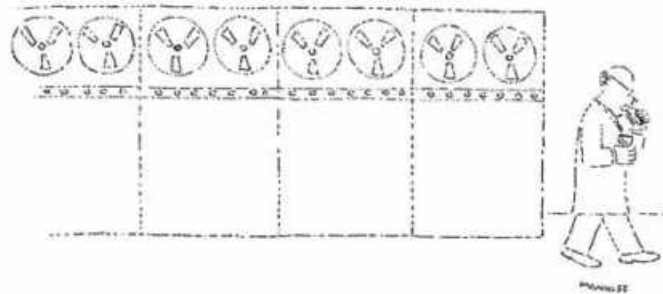
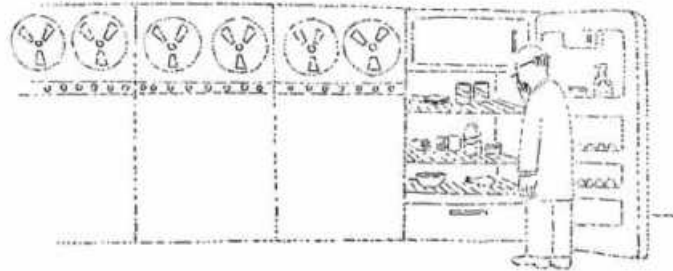
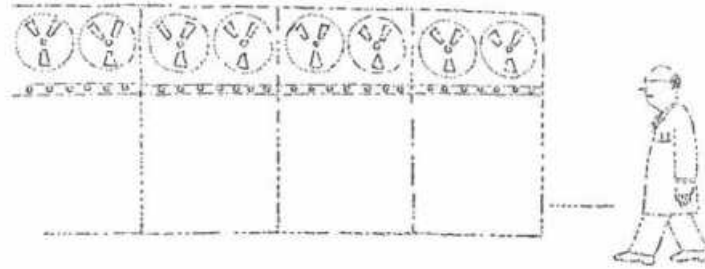


*“Him? Oh, he’s filling a new position the king
has created—Lord High Nobody.”*



*"First of all, gentlemen, I don't think I have to tell
you we're sitting on a lot of oil."*



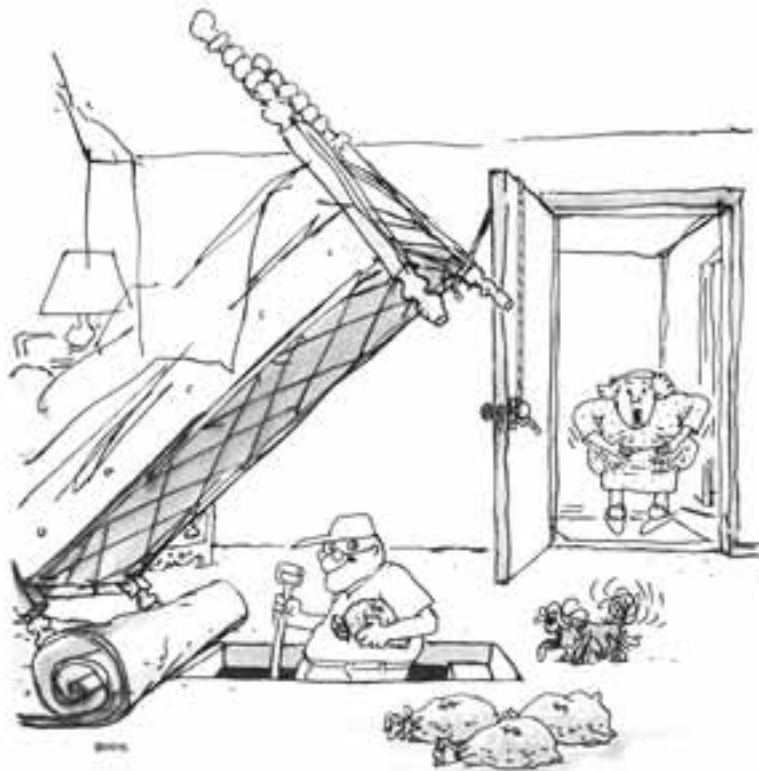




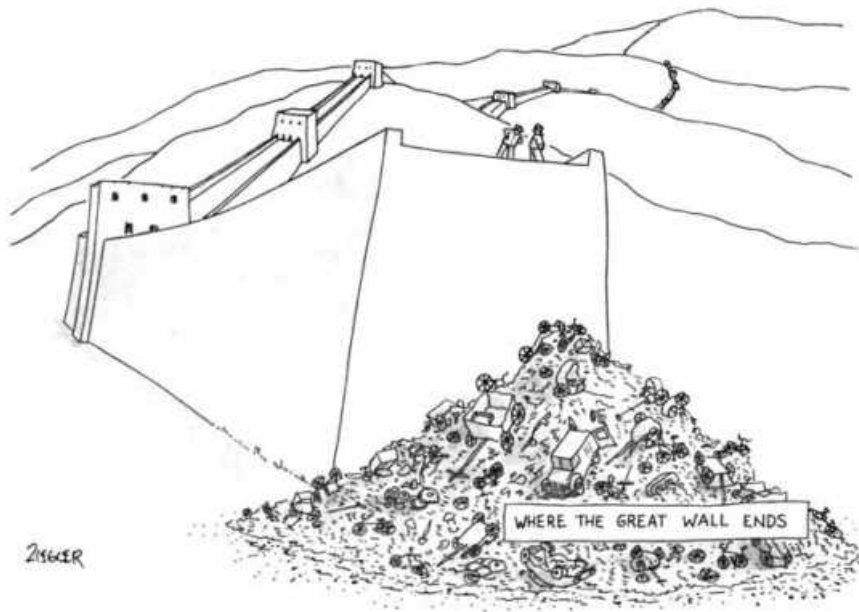


“When they’re home in a vase behind the couch, you’ll love them.”





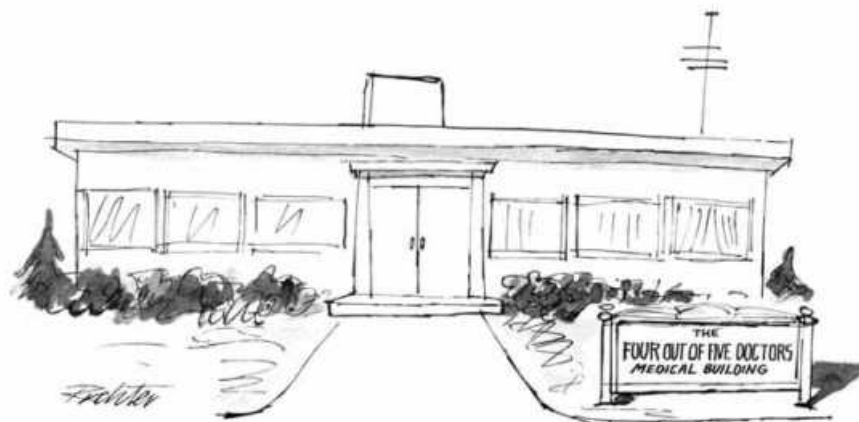
*"Papa doesn't want Tsi Tsu in the bedroom
while he's hiding his little nest egg."*





P. Steiner

*“First I’m going to read you your rights, then I’m going to read
you a brief passage from ‘The Merchant of Venice.’”*





"Well, one more day without irreversible damage."

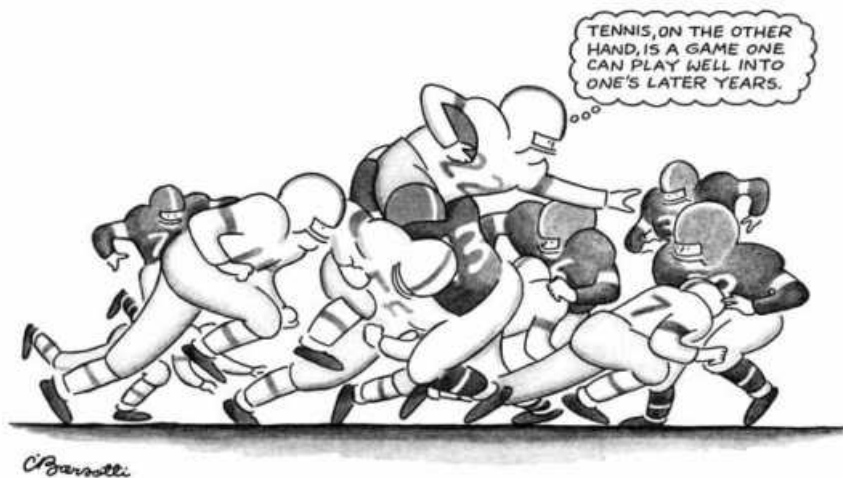




“You’ll like Beverly. She’s deracinated, like Joan Didion.”



"Thanks, baby. Ciao."





"I don't so much buy the national-malaise idea per se. My version is: I've got my malaise, Carter's got his malaise, you've got your malaise. We've all of us got our own malaises going."



“Who the hell does he think he is, anyway?”



"I want you two to meet a real cute couple."



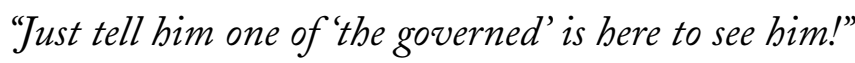
*“Now that we’ve given up the car, I wonder
if we still need Orkins.”*



“And what else did you bring back from sunny Spain?”



"It says, 'Delicious evening of pure theatre.' Ugh."



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“Gentlemen, let us not look back on the first quarter. Let us, rather, look forward to the fourth quarter.”



Lepidopterist



“See this? ‘To Lou, from Frank Sinatra.’ He had the stuffed shrimp, just like you.”



*“I wish they’d make up their minds. One day I’m ‘good boy’
the next day I’m ‘bad boy.’”*



“Nothing, thanks. I don’t drink. I’m here to partake in a friendly exchange of ideas with my fellow-man.”



THE MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES



No. 687



"That was Part Two of a two-part story."



"I want to leave you, Edna. Where do I go?"



"I'm putting all my money into 'things.'"



Amanda, Abigail, and Hortense

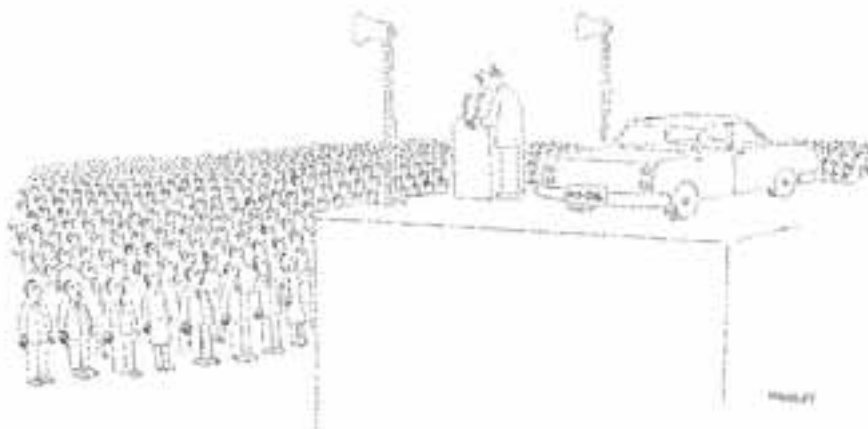


*"I'm thinking of changing my perfume. Unless, of course,
you are particularly fond of this one."*

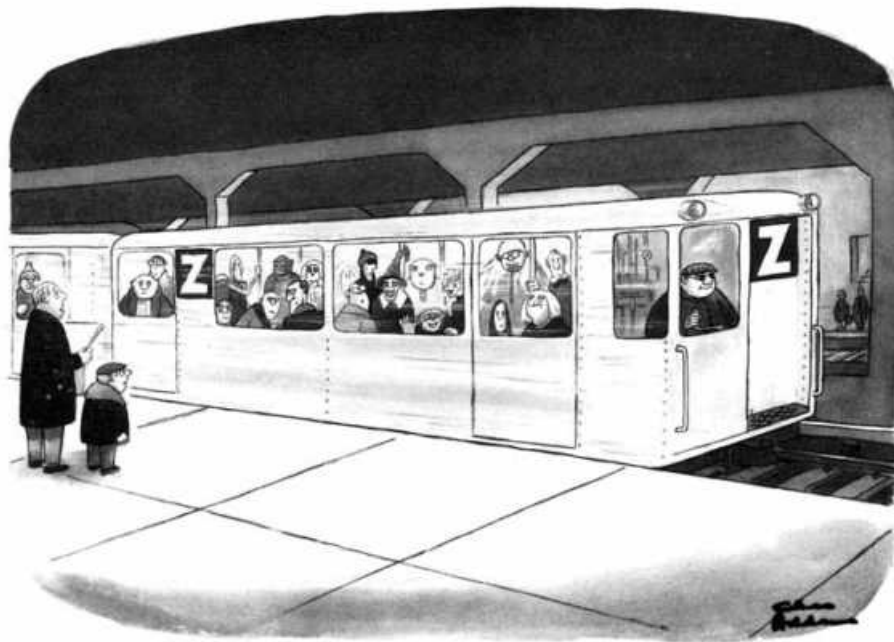


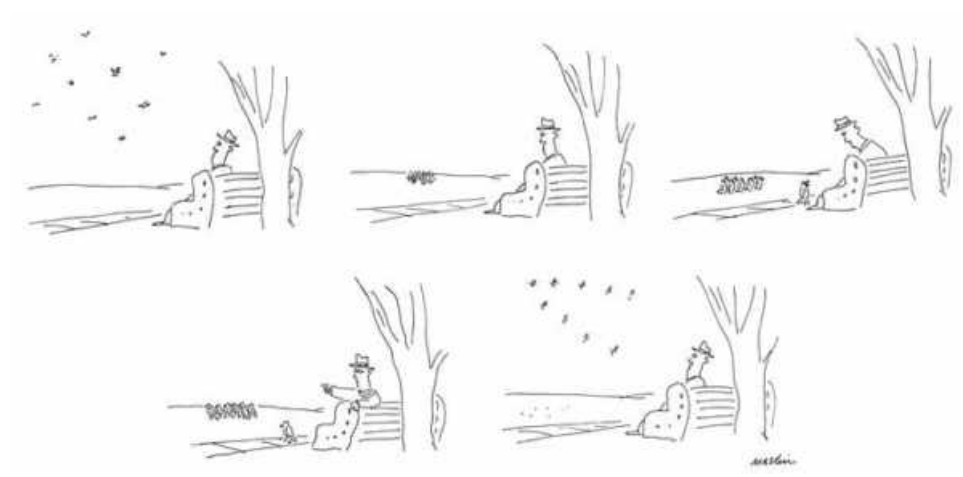
“And let’s not forget Paul-Auguste Deschard, who did a really great job on the clerestory mullions on the north side of the nave. Take a bow, Paul-Auguste! Next, let’s hear it for François de Cœur for his wonderful work on the ogival vaults. François? As for that rose window soaring above the reredos . . .”

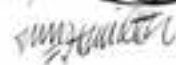




*“Will the owner of the car with license plate
417-JHL please move it?”*







“What’s this new little thing of swearing in French?”



“One of nature’s noblemen and a bag lady.”



“At the tone, Your Majesty, it will be nine o’clock.”

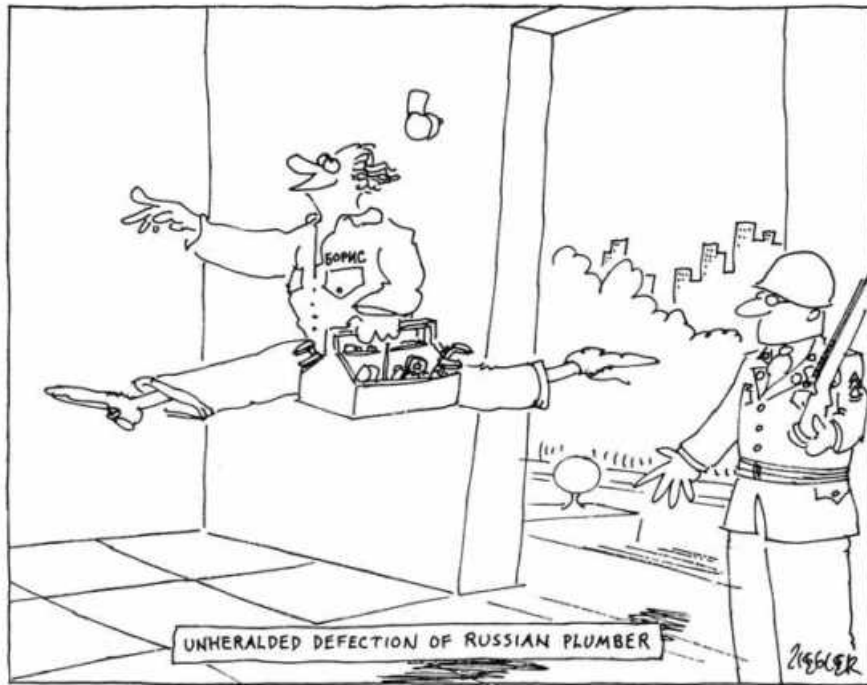


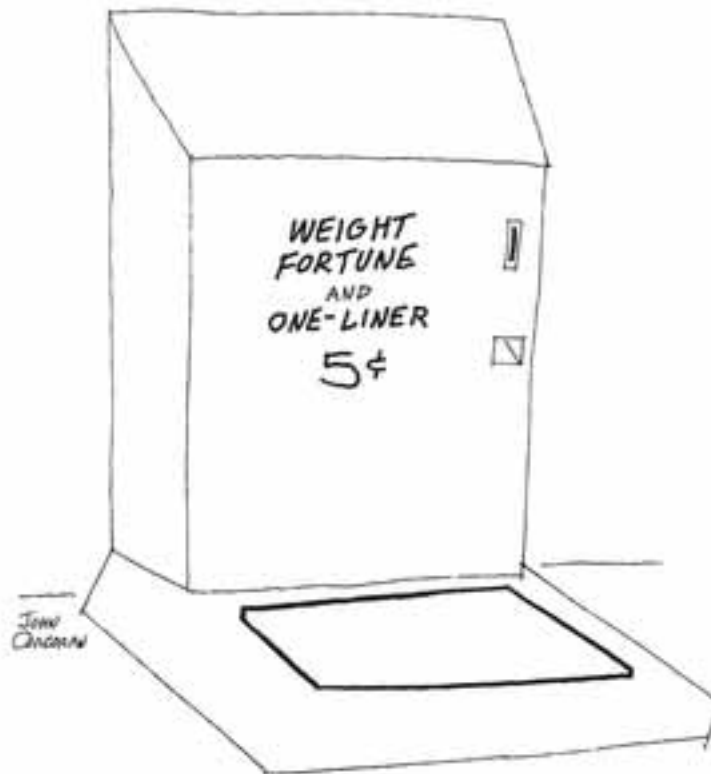


*"I'm never bored! I've got my pottery, my plants,
my weaving, and my man."*



"So long, Bill. This is my club. You can't come in."



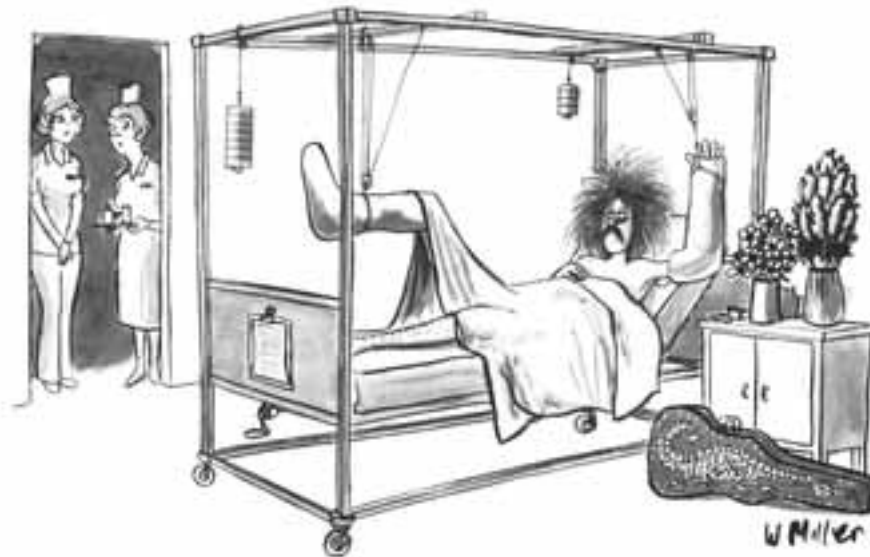




*"Watch out for the Bravermans. They just read
a book that changed their lives."*



"Norton won it. It's for overachievement."

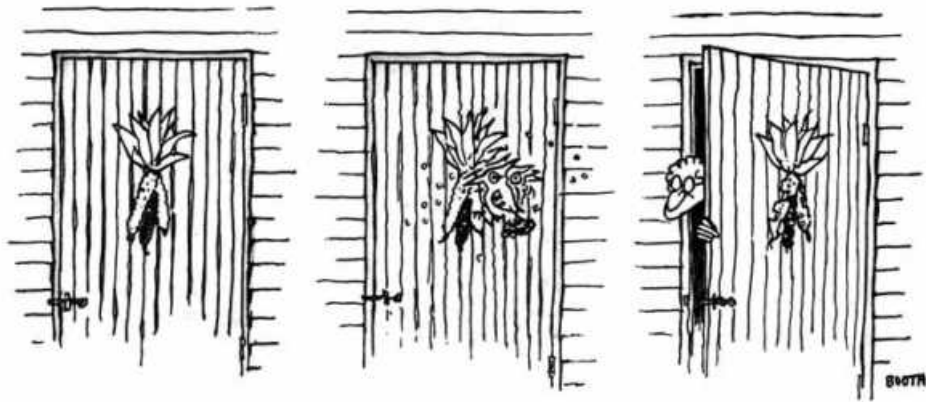


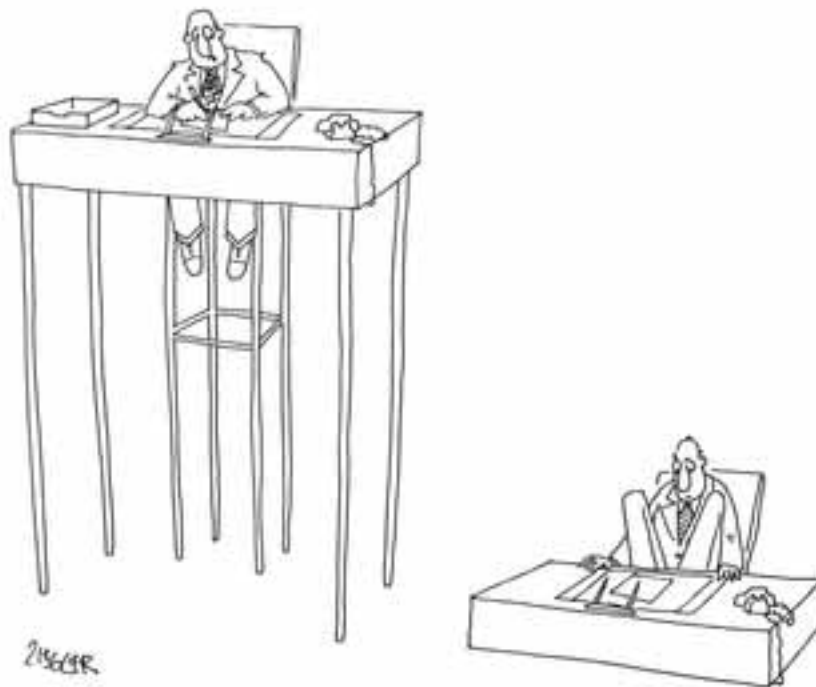
*"That's one drawback to being a living legend.
You can get trampled by your own entourage."*





The Captain's Vision of His Wife





"If it isn't one thing, it's another—huh, Tom?"



*"I'll be over at Geoffrey d'Angoulême's
place, settling his hash."*



"There's really a lot to Harry, once you get past his warmth."



"Fe, fi, fo, fum."



“With you everything is déjà vu.”



“Could you go over that once again, Gene? Just in case any of us don’t understand it.”



*"You're in cultural anthropology, Williams. Who was it
who said 'Thank heaven for little girls'?"*



"They don't look sorry!"

HEADLINE-MAKERS
DR. ARMANT BEN-VEESEY



A dramatic breakthrough in subatomic physics was announced this week by Dr. A. Ben-Veesey, of the Fermi National Accelerator Lab, in Batavia, Illinois. After eleven months of intensive work on the giant synchrotron, Dr. Ben-Veesey and his team succeeded in producing bubble-chamber photographs of a long-hypothesized but elusive particle he identified as the conscience of the press. The particles appear, he explained, when protons that have been accelerated to nearly the speed of light are forced through a plasma of superheated gas. Their distinguishing characteristics are random periodicity and an astonishingly short half-life (1.6×10^{-24} seconds). Dr. Ben Veesey described them further as having a mass "smaller than a muon but larger than a quark, and totally lacking in charm." Although fellow-physicists have received his claims with skepticism, Dr. Ben-Veesey and his team have already begun searching for an even more elusive particle: the confidence of the business community.



“Hello, this is Phil. I’m out at the moment, but before you leave a message please consider carefully what you’re going to say. I mean, will it make us feel better, more positive about ourselves, or . . .”



"You're not my husband." "Please! I've had a hard day."



"Is this really necessary, Your Honor? I'm an expert."







“If you won’t argue with me, I know someone who will.”



"I do wonder, sometimes, what other galaxies have done about tenure."



Idyll



“What have we here? The gastronomic equivalent of war?”



"Miss Schonset, would you bring me in some reports, a pen, paper, paperweight, blotter, 'in' and 'out' baskets, framed pictures of a wife and kids, a wastebasket, and a telephone?"





"I don't think I love farming the way you do, Dad."



"How's it going? We've just imposed new restrictions on journalists."

"Great! We've just banned assemblages of more than five persons without a police permit."



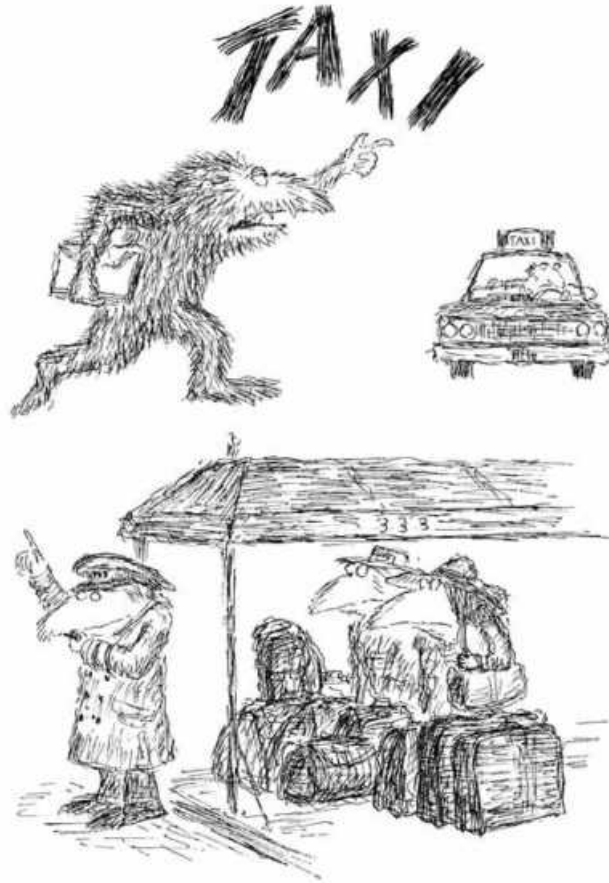


"We always knew your place would be hard to believe!"



"I'm an old liberal. A very old liberal."

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“Ah, Nelson, isn’t it? Well, hello or goodbye, as the case may be.”



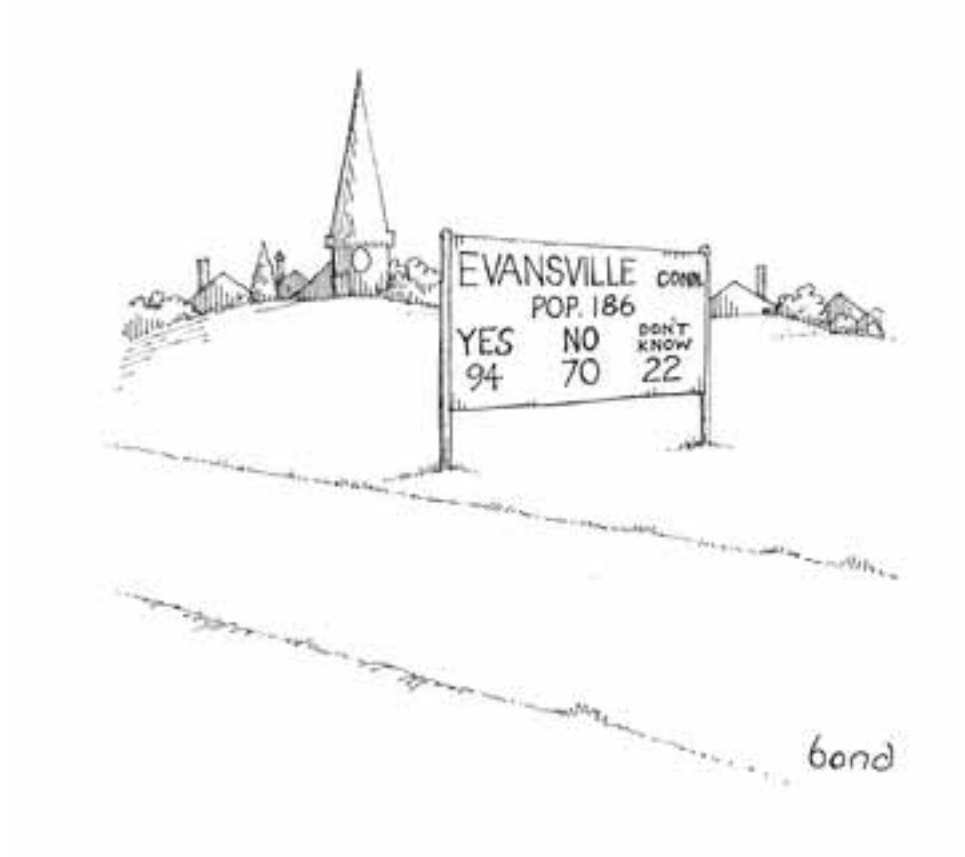
“Uck!”



*“Any particular significance to the fact you chose one of these
‘looking around the room’ places for our anniversary?”*



"Next. And this better be good."





“And what does your husband do during his waking hours?”



"Might I call back at a more convenient time?"



*“We’re both pretty rotten, but I’m generally considered
the lesser of the two evils.”*





*"By the time I got around to going nobody wanted
to hear about my goddam trip to China!"*



*“Oh, Sally, you know—What’s-His-Name.
The artist who does this sort of thing.”*





"I think we've got the space to handle a limited nuclear exchange, but not an all-out one."



"Some sort of in-joke, I presume."



*“Natural selection, I’m afraid, no longer
has a significant part to play.”*



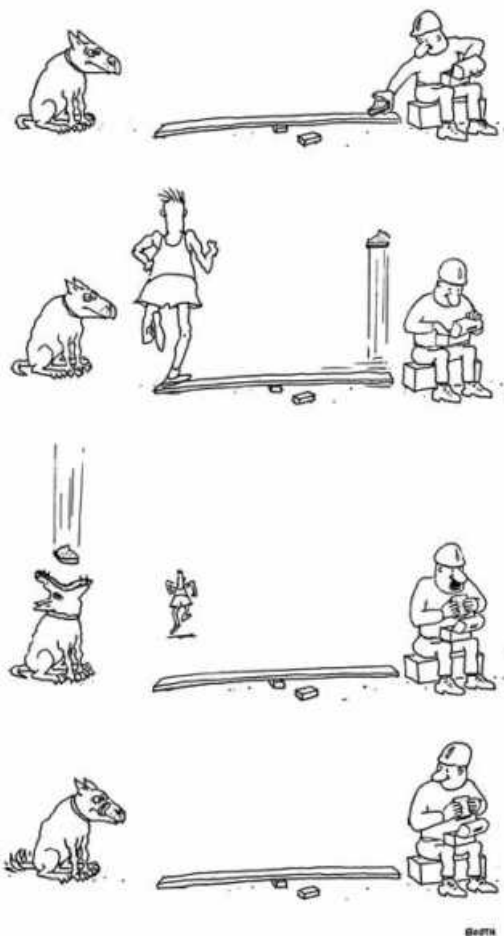
“Basically, we generate the data over here and they stockpile it over there.”



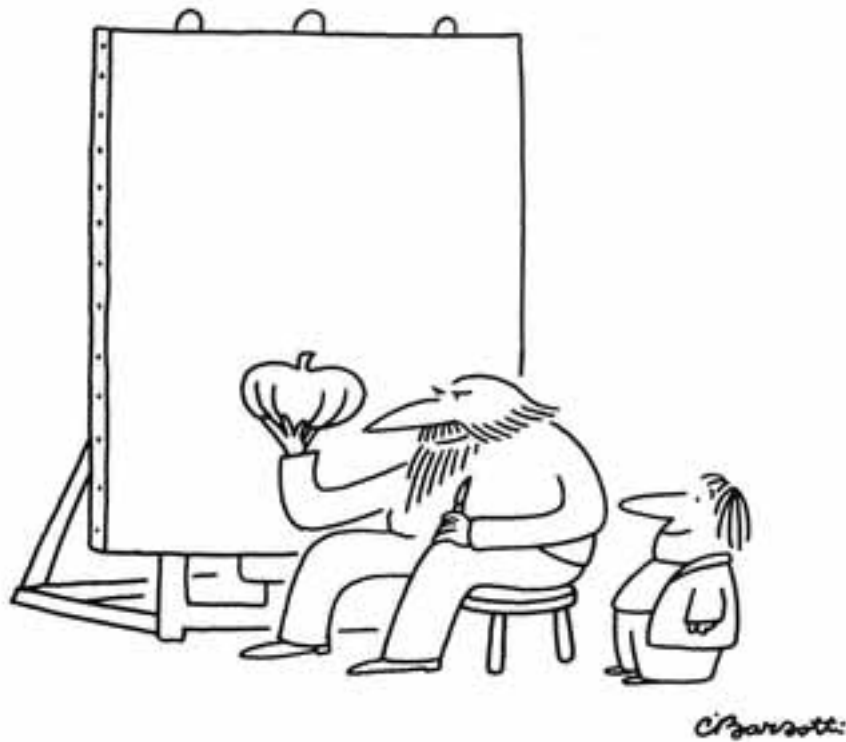
“Dear Henry: I’ve decided to go ahead and make a fool of myself.”



“Morris knows how to fix his own car.”









“And another thing, Williams. Every time I tell you you’re fired you tell me that’s cool, and I’m getting fed up.”



This is Mother Nature's grand design?"



“Arise.”

“I can’t.”



"Am I right? Is the spirit starting to manifest itself?"



*“That’s Wilbur Fiske Mulholland. He takes his pleasure
where he finds it.”*



"Well, I'll say good night. Emmett wants to go home."

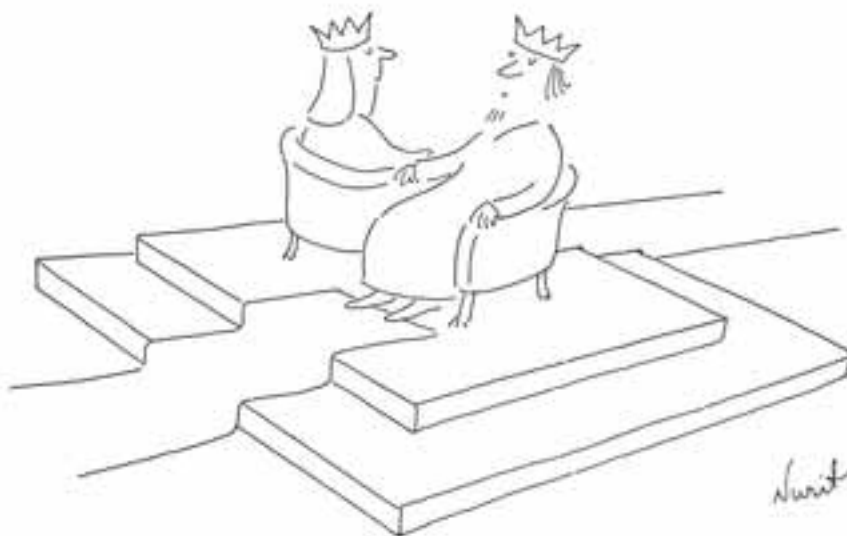


My section of the country, right or wrong!





"Just pick it up, honey, and say hello."





*“... and so, on behalf of management, I just want to say
thanks, and have another great year!”*









*"It's our boy, Albert, back from the hard-hit music industry,
where the tours are cancelled and the record grosses are down.
Welcome home, Albert!"*



*"Soup du jour, muffin of the week, catch of
the day, and fruit in season."*



*“Tell me, Mr. Wallberg—what in particular can you offer
this firm with your so-called youth?”*



*“... and look forward to seeing you on the twenty-fourth.
Sincerely, No Nukes, Arnold Greenwald.”*





"The leaves are turning, Pettingill. It is not a pretty sight."

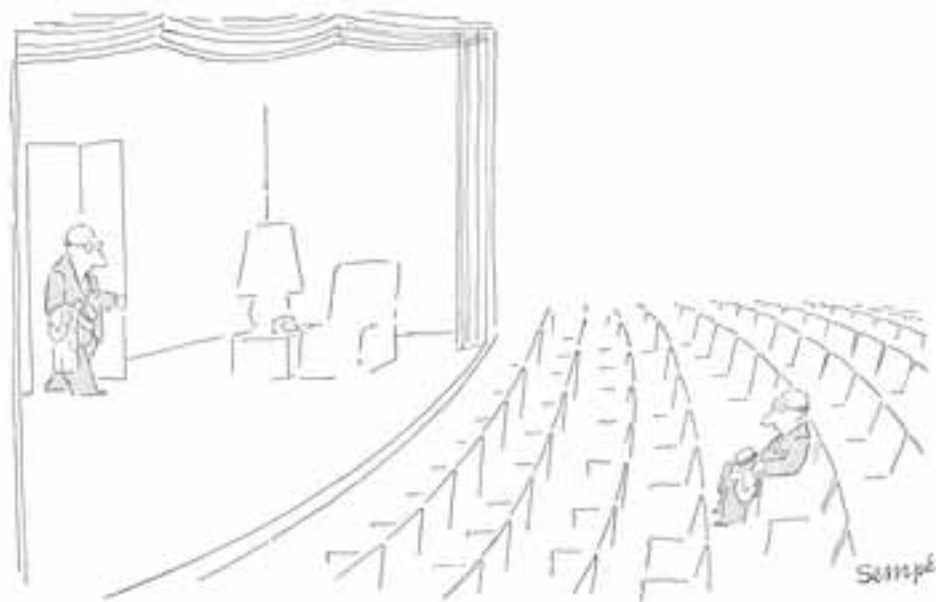


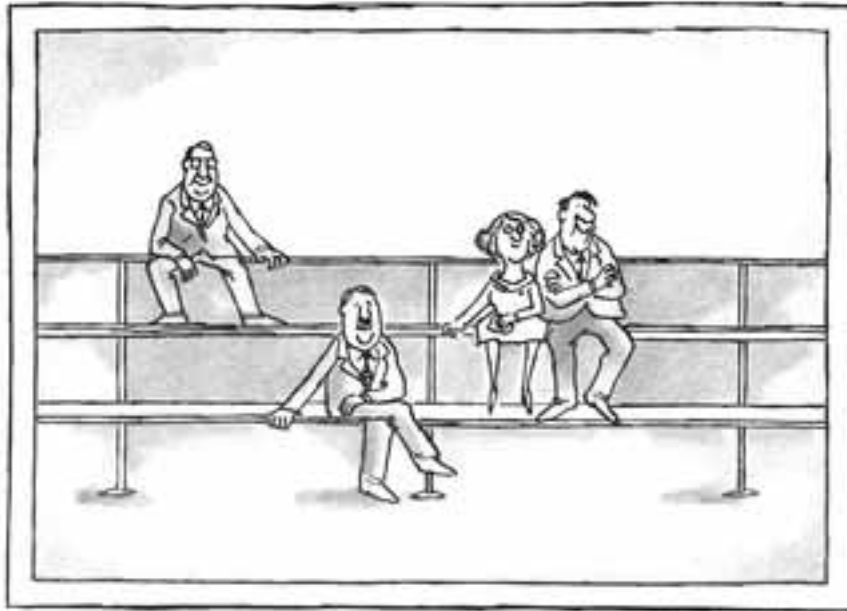
“Would you like a little bell or would you rather shout?”





"How long have you and Charlie been together?"





*Top row: Friedman. Middle row: Harris, Silvester. Bottom row: Kahler.
 (Missing: Beecher, Whitehead, Herling, Goldman, Bassett, Chenowith,
 Benzer, Vandeventer, Murray, Pokempner, Carrington, Schwartz, Ober,
 Palmer, Leland, Culver, Franklin, Marcolini, Cifilli, Rosen, Rusker,
 Plett, Metzler, Lewis, Killgallon, Tassler, Barton, Chamberlain,
 Rassmussen, Hume, Faberstein, Chwastyk, Donaldson, Bartolli, Rogers.)*







*"I'd like the novel they paid 3.2 million dollars for,
whatever the hell it is."*



"Notice how the eyes seem to keep following you?"





*"Harrison, we never fight. I've heard that people
who really love each other fight."*





English Eccentric



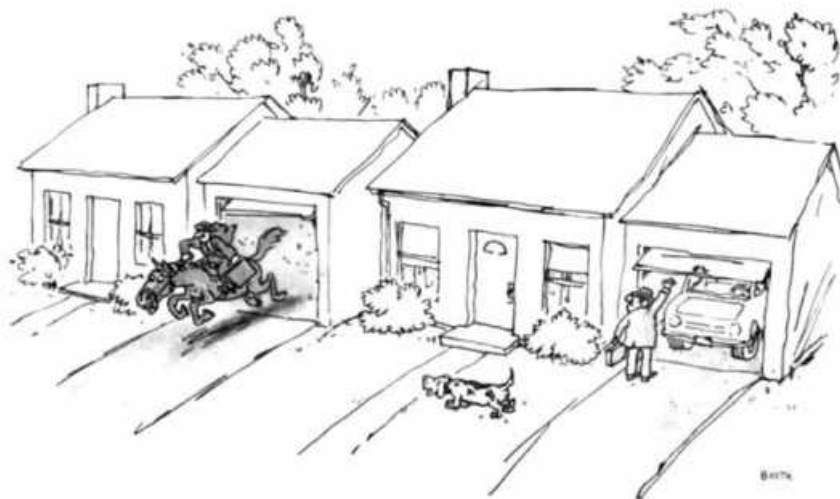
"Strong stuff."



"It may be blight, but it's high-class blight."



"Oh, it's you, all right."





*"It's been delivering a steady stream of yocks since '48,
and I'm not about to turn it in now."*



"Well, bye-bye, everybody."



"We're shopping for furniture and art together."



"He got an 'Enjoy.' Don't I get an 'Enjoy'?"







The Staff



"There you are, sir—an undisclosed amount of cash."



"Well, I won't have what he's having."



“Wow! Professor Campbell has really got it upstairs.”

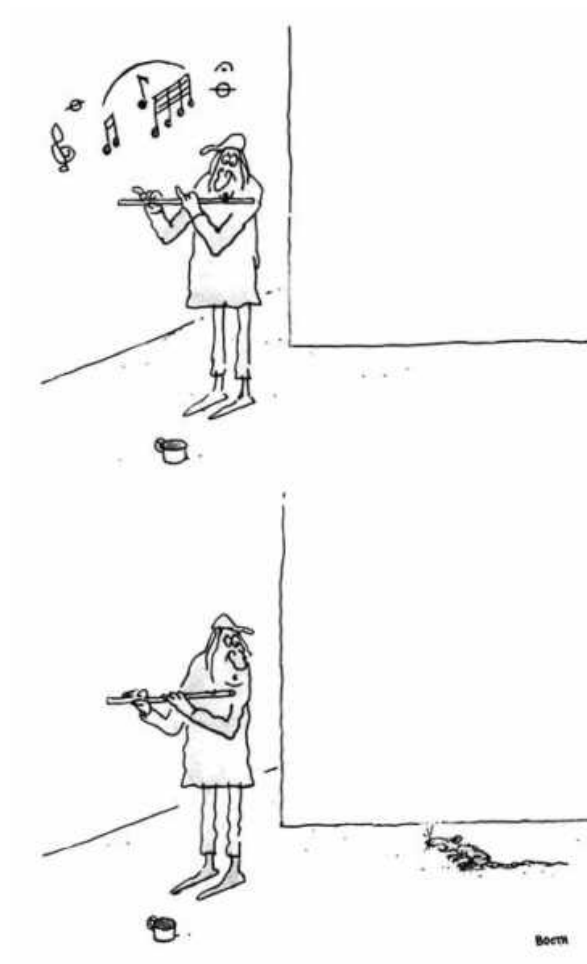


*"No, I don't want to work on my anger with you.
I want to pop you one!"*



"Sorry, sir."







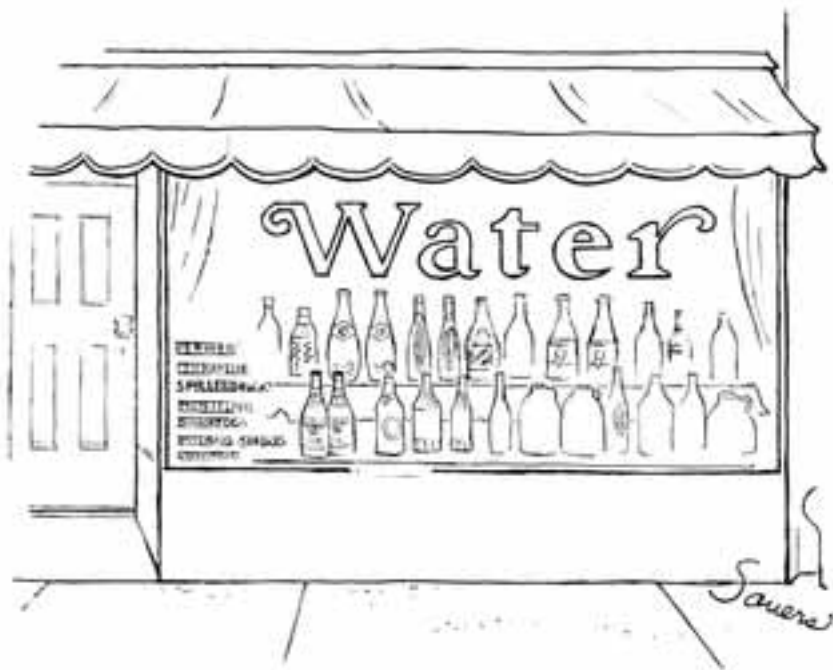
"See what I mean? Try to put some life into it."



*“Shakespeare said that? Gosh, if Shakespeare
said that, I’ll go along with it.”*



"I've got a nice rhythm going here, Bob. Can I call you back?"





"It's over Clarissa. Our relationship just had too many hidden costs."



*“And I am well aware of the fact that to be here many of
you travelled considerable distances in inclement weather.
Therefore, I will get directly to the point.”*



*"Mr. Wendell may continue to smoke. Mr. Wendell
is a friend of the court."*



"He's been in a foul mood for a week, but it will be several months before the effects are felt by the American public."



"I'm offering you a chance to be somebody."



"We got a complaint that his steak au poivre was dry and overcooked, his chicken vinaigrette was prepared poorly in a sticky sweet-and-sour onion sauce that bordered on the inedible, and his leaf-spinach-with-mushroom salad was crudely seasoned."





“How about ‘Darling Stockholder’ instead of ‘Dear Stockholder’?”



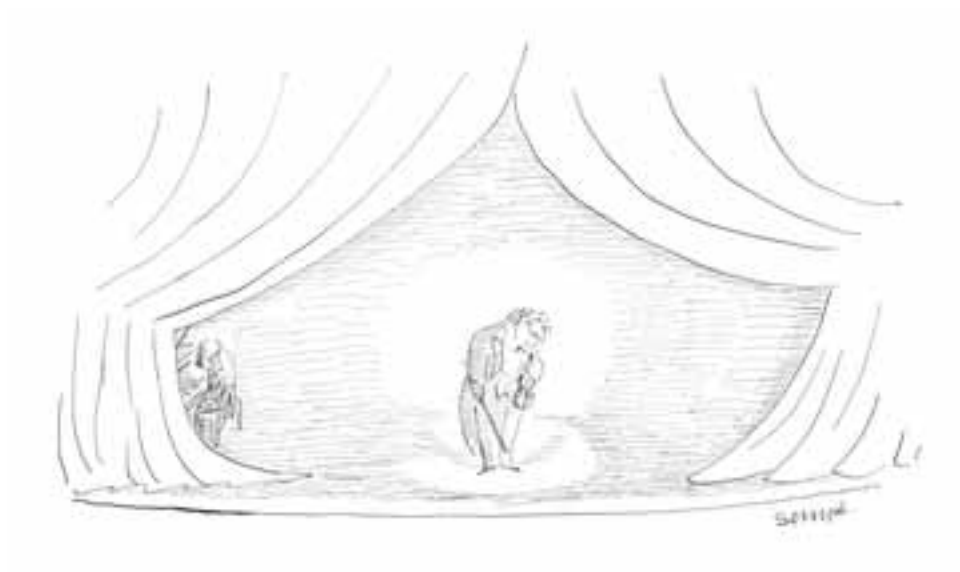
*“Did he say the budget was going to be a zillion billion
krillion dollars or a krillion billion zillion dollars?”*



*“Pretty good, but you’re still slicing. Shorten your backswing
and start down with your left hip.”*



"Teddy? You bet your boots we're for Teddy. Charge!"





Paysan



*“Is that any reason to walk out of the business after twenty years,
George: ‘There’s nothing further to be said on a T- shirt’?”*



“O.K., O.K.! I admit it. We’re lost. Now are you satisfied?”



"When he was a prince, he was charming."





“Now, isn’t it better to feel the crunch here than someplace awful?”



"Oh, don't be silly. We'll only be gone a couple of hours."



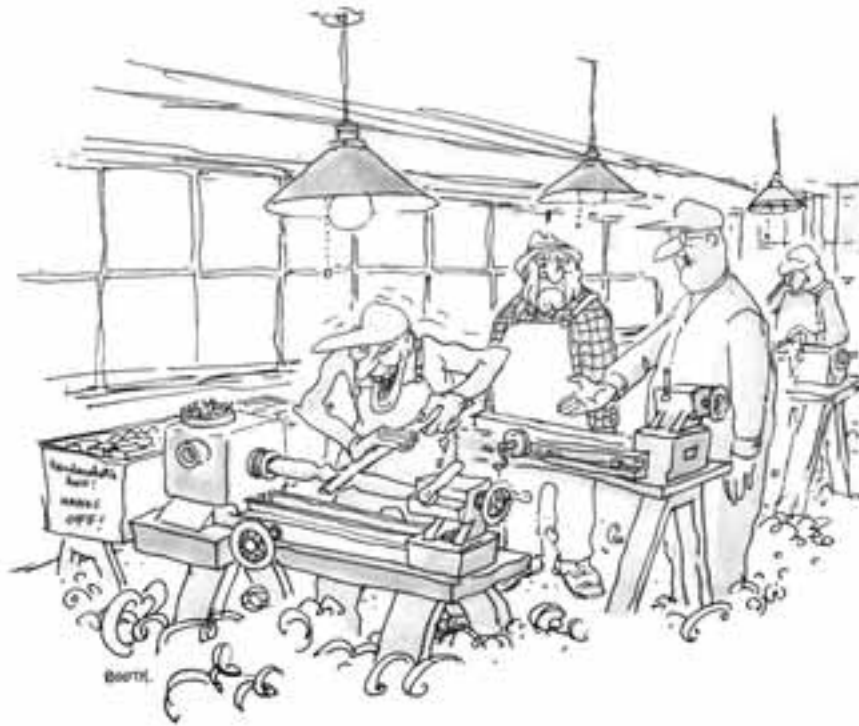


“When I was twenty-two, I took a vow to succeed. When I was thirty-two, I took another vow to succeed. When I was forty-two, I took yet another vow to succeed. When I was fifty-two, I took still another vow to succeed. When I was sixty-two, I vowed to succeed despite anything. When I was seventy-two, I vowed to succeed despite anything and everything. Now I’m eighty-two, and success is mine.”





"Here we are, Stephen—ready to party."



"Hendershot, there, does his best to keep smiling."



"I buzzed for Miss Finsterwald! You're not Miss Finsterwald."



"All day, I was running around like a chicken with its head cut off."



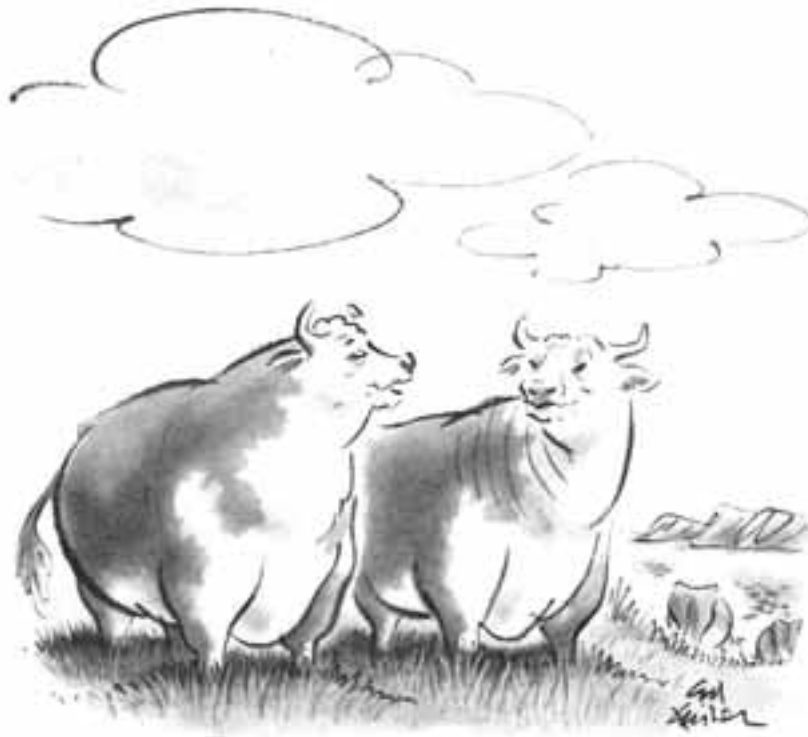
*“This is a death certificate, woman. I can’t just put
down ‘singin’ in the rain.’”*







"I'm returning his call. In spades."



*“Were you really? I was just thinking of having
a bite of this nice grass myself.”*



“Michael welcomes contrasting points of view.”





"I may be a tad early, but my instinct is the future is coming back."



Jack Ziegler (11/26/1979)

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Demesne



"I'm taking him for a stroll. We'll be back in time for 'Kojak.'"



“Mr. Kendall then said, ‘I withdraw that last remark.’ Mr. Brook then withdrew his last remark. Mr. Cole then withdrew his remark. Mr. Kohler, his. Mr. O’Toole, his. Mr. Swanson, his . . .”



"To the first drink of the rest of my life."



"You and your embezzling."



“By Jupiter, an angel! Or, if not, an earthly paragon!”







*"The gods are angry, but, it appears,
only with each other."*



*“Nothing serious. I just couldn’t bring myself
to give thanks for the corn pudding.”*



“The following called in sick . . .”



*"I don't know if you'll be pleased or not to hear this, J.L.,
but it seems there's some sort of cult forming around you
in the Accounting Department."*



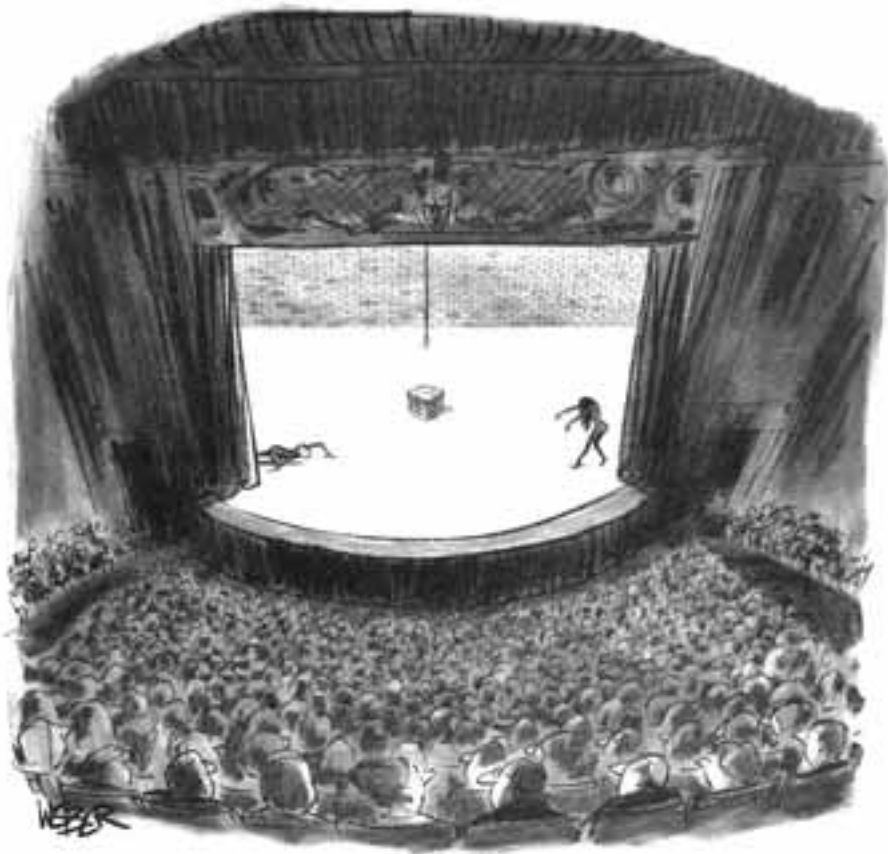
"I'm sorry, but I can't carry on an intelligent conversation. I'm visual."



"I have an enormous I.Q."



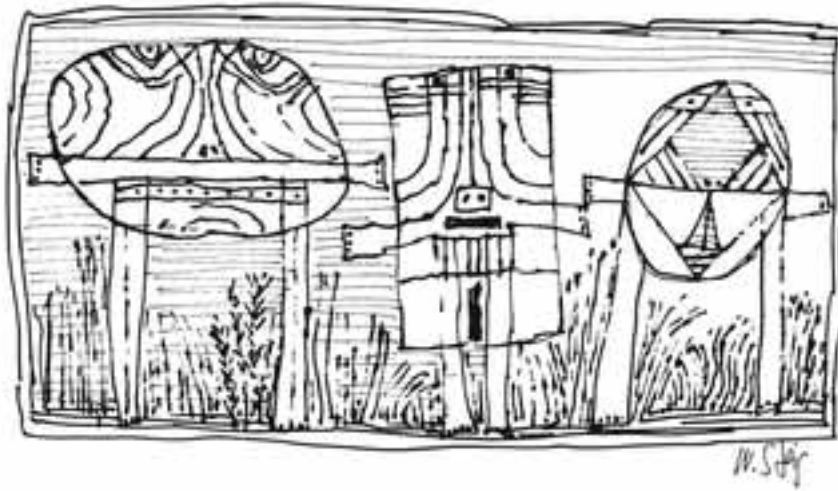




*"I've heard that if you like it you love it and if you
like it you hate it."*

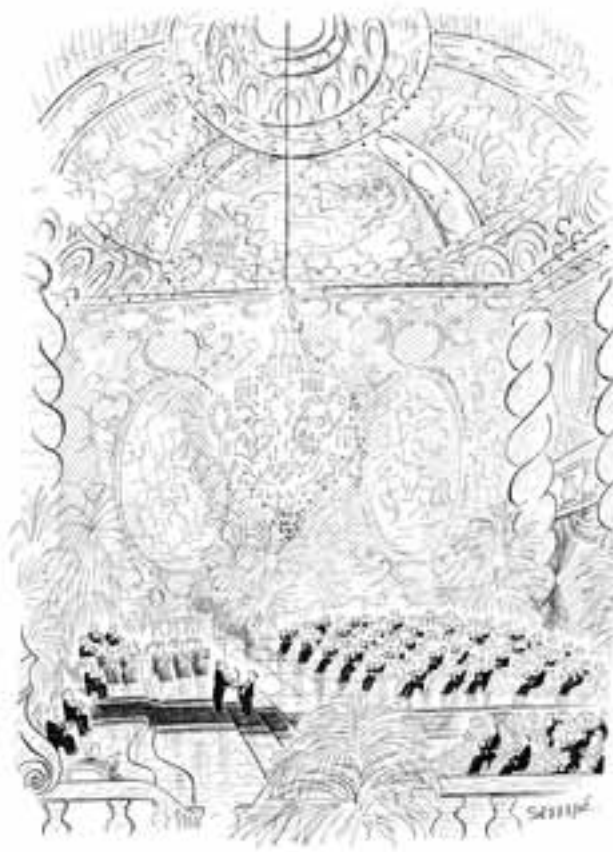


"Everybody, it seems, wants to be warm."



Early Risers





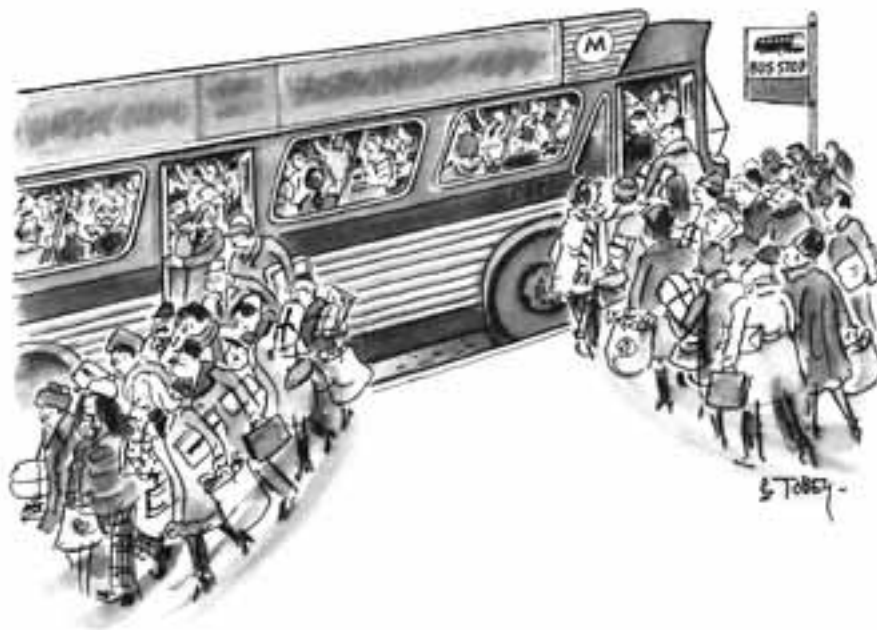
“And so with this award we salute you and the whole of your remarkable œuvre, which includes some of the most hopeless and disheartening books of our time.”

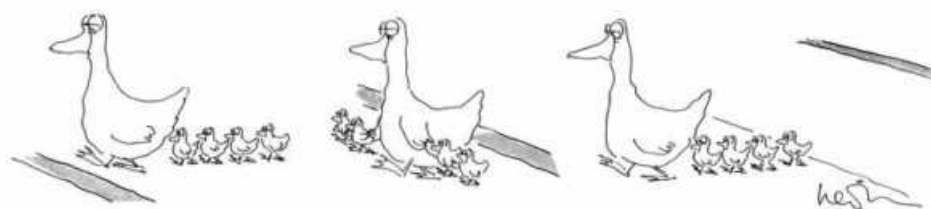


"Damn it, when I say 'Opposing counsels may approach the bench' I don't want high jinks!"



"Cute is not enough!"



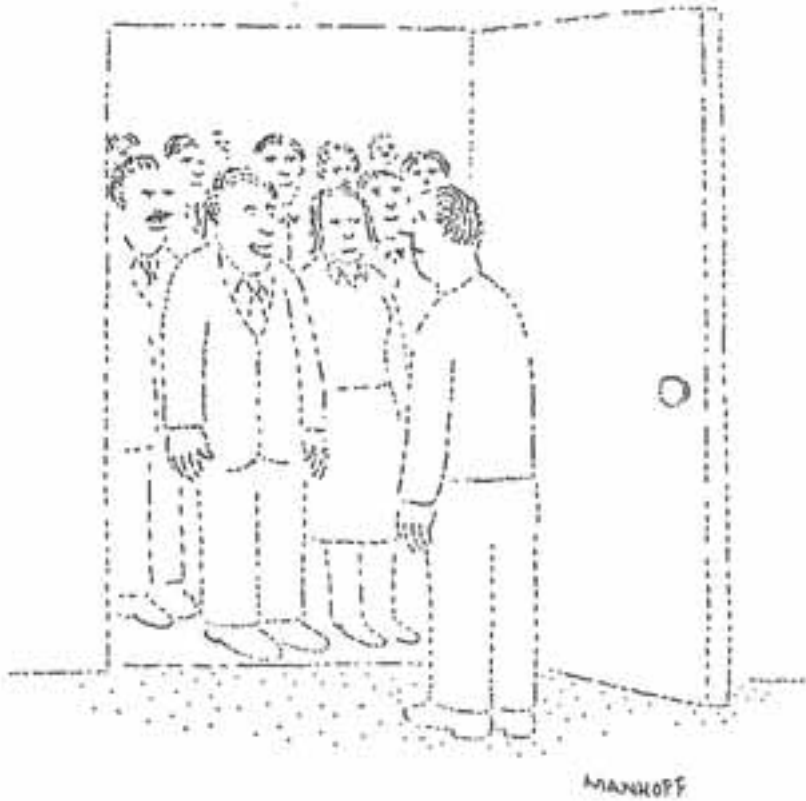




"Broadbent has donated a philodendron to the club every year for twenty-eight years. Broadbent is a good old boy."



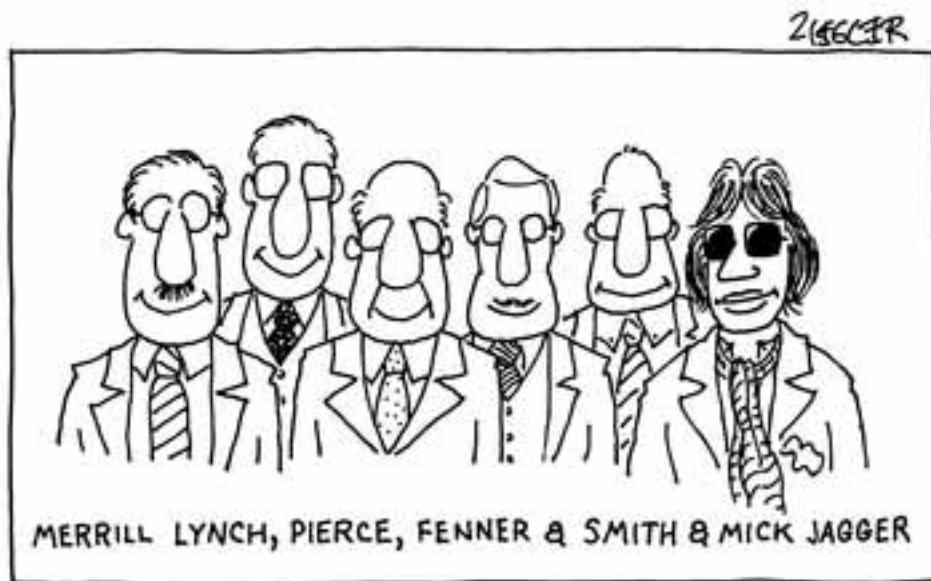
“Somehow they don’t seem to be selling as fast as they should.”

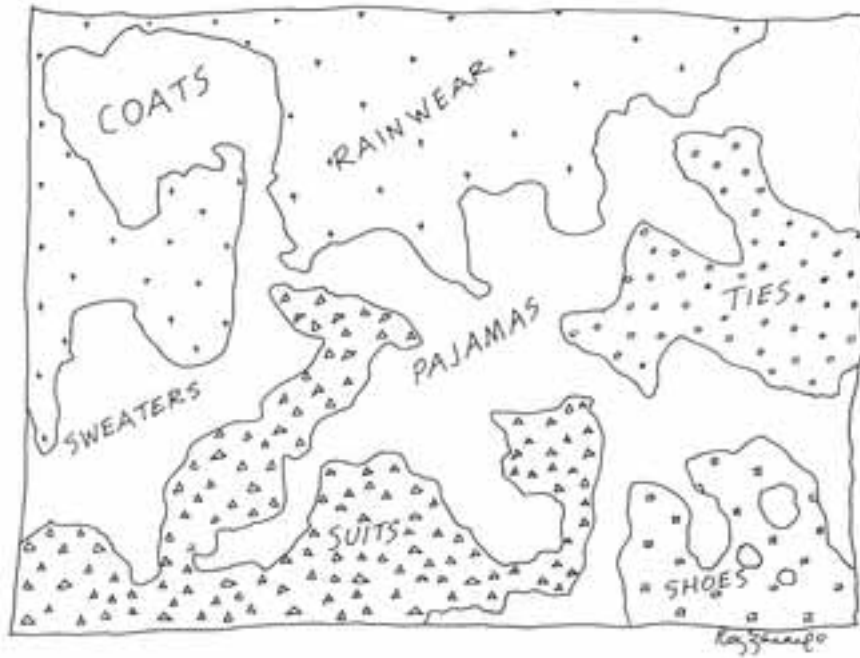


“Hi. We’re all in the eighteen-to-thirty-four-year-old age group that you’re a member of. Come on out and play with us.”



"What is this, Miss Henderson? I was expecting a battery of reporters."





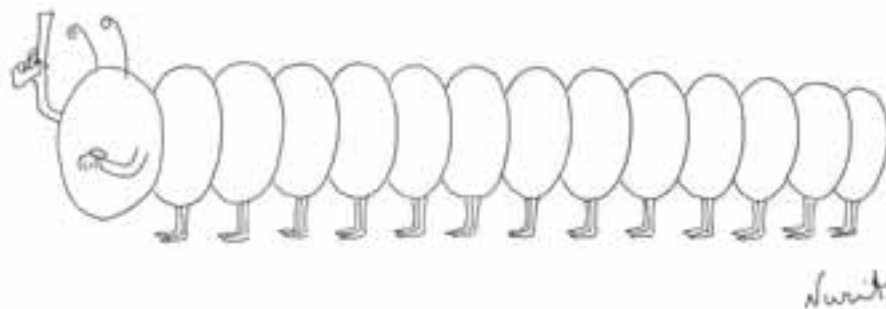




“Ralph says that man over there knows where the bodies are buried and who can be bought and for how much, but I must say it doesn’t seem to have made him very happy.”



“Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is Fred Clark, the only bald-headed news commentator on TV, bringing you the six-o’clock news.”







*“Dear, the Whitbogs listen to the same beautiful-
music station that we do!”*



"I want a constitutional amendment to balance federal budgets sponsored by someone other than Jerry Brown."



"Very good. You're hired."



*"This lady says she would like to have
Christmas the whole year round!"*



Magician



"Evening, folks! I'm Harrison T. Peabody, from just down the block, and my analyst says I should make some new friends."





"Now, suddenly, I'm glad I stuck it all the way through dental school."



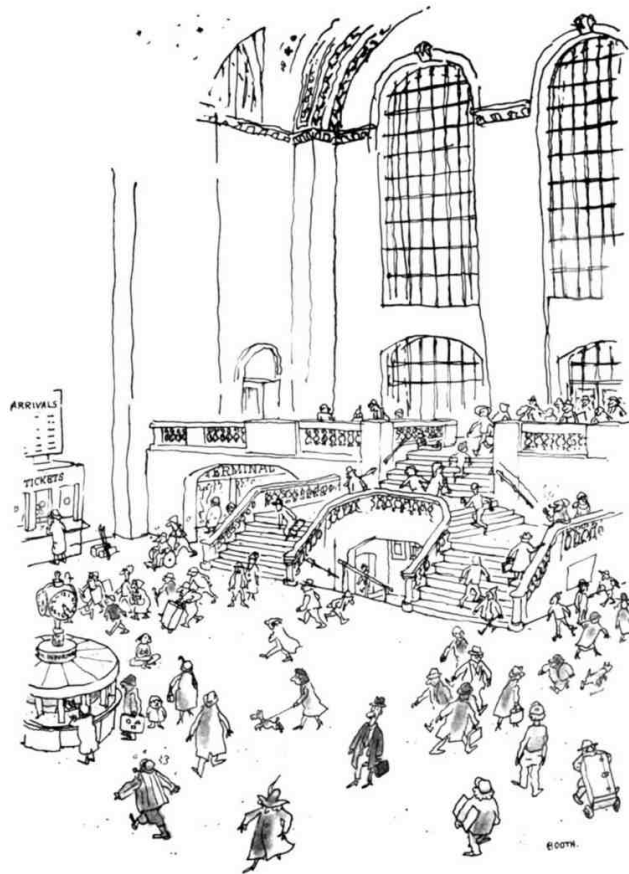
*“There’s no cause for panic, Mrs. Munson, but, frankly,
there are certain indicators that cannot be ignored.”*





*“You’re straight with us, but I’m afraid you’ve never won
the confidence of the liberals.”*





“Attention, please, Mr. Lyle Ferguson. As a result of equipment failure at the Cos Cob power station, your train will not be running at all tonight.”



“Don’t tell me. Let me guess. I know! It’s Tuesday, and you’ve got peace and quiet coming out of your ears again.”



“Believe me, if there are any compliments I’ll pass them on to you.”



*A Shepherd of the Auvergne Singing His Mournful Lament,
with Members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra*



*"No, give me another word. I've already used
'tripe', 'rubbish', and 'garbage.'"*



*"John and I have decided that we're sick of hearing
about women and their problems."*





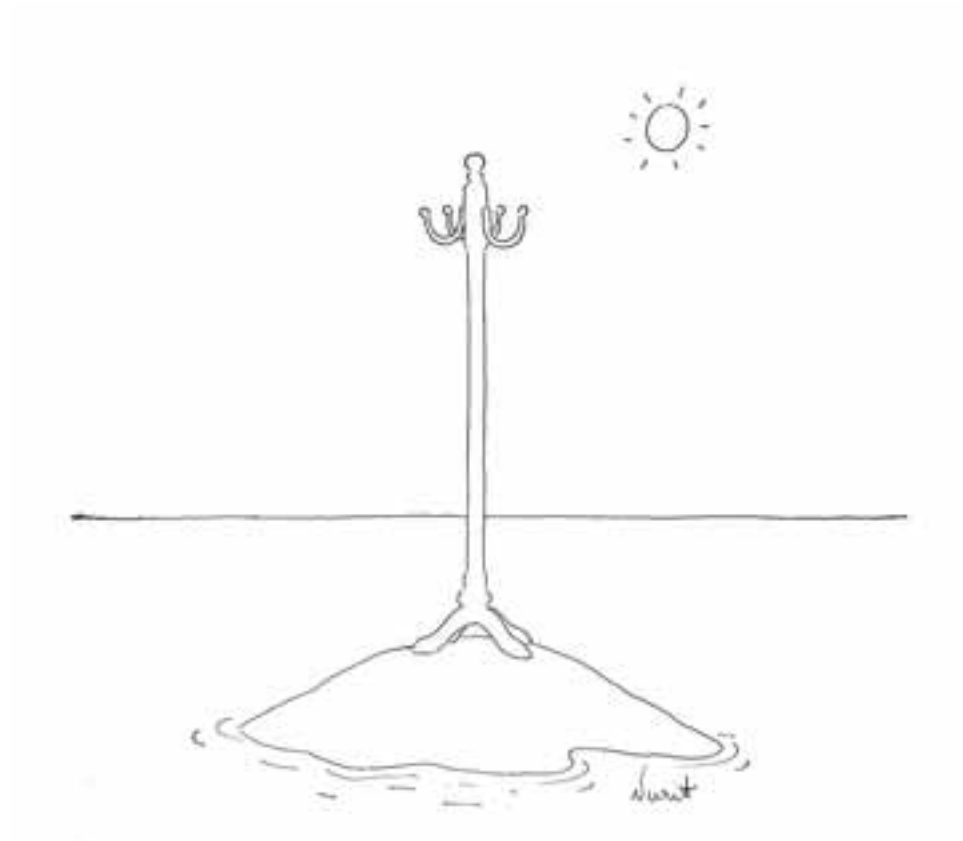
“The Harrisons have heeded the President’s call for Americans to voluntarily lower their standard of living.”

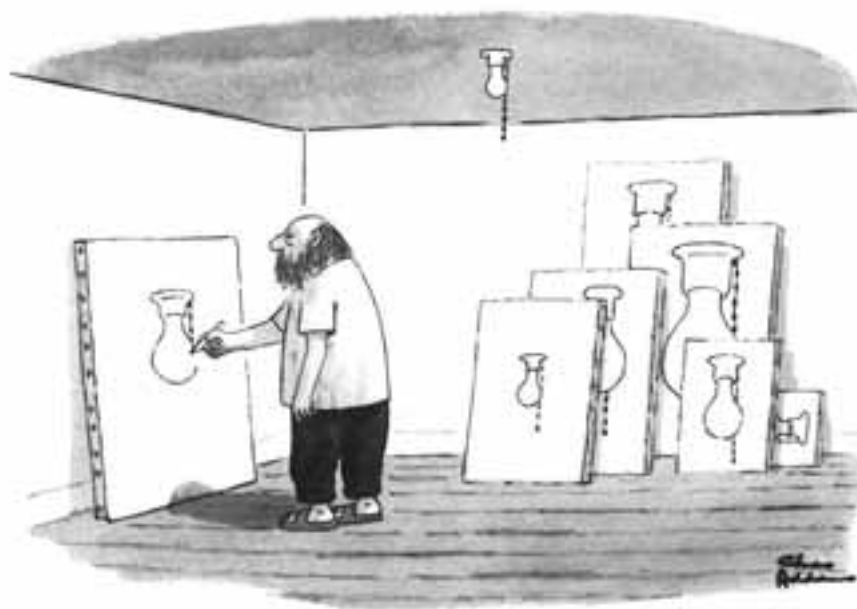


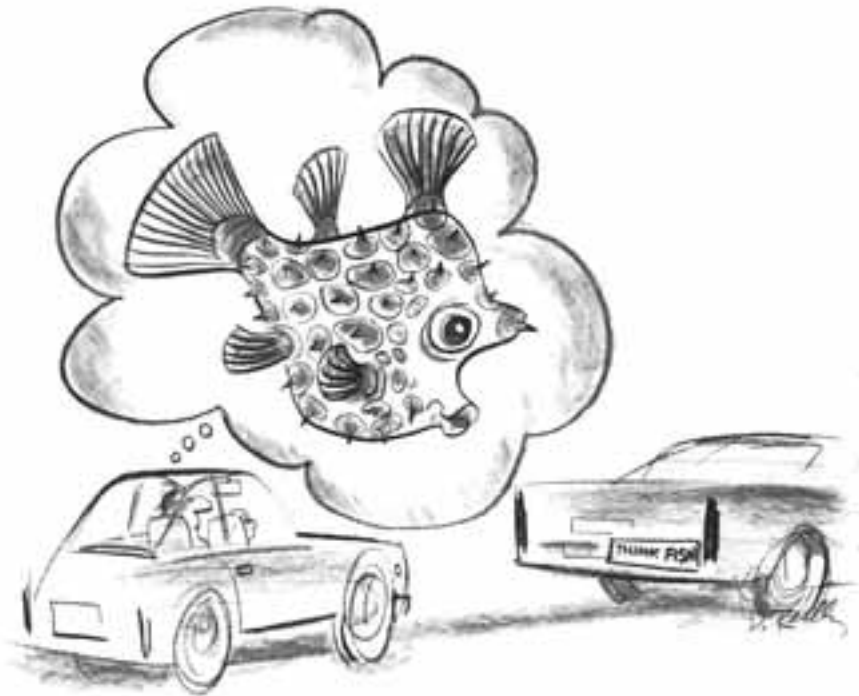
*“What am I doing, Mrs. Prendergast? What am I doing?
Why, I’m doing the Hokey-Pokey, Mrs. Prendergast. What
the hell does it look like I’m doing?”*



"Try and stop me if you've heard this one."









“I don’t believe Copley is really trying to unravel the mysteries of the universe.”



"I'll tell you what it doesn't say. It doesn't say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"



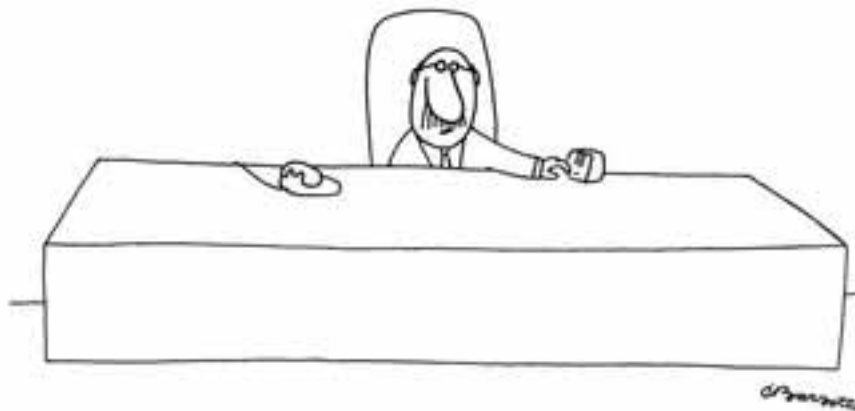
“No, I don’t think so. I’ve never really liked the Civil War.”



"Your mother's up and about. I hear castanets."



*“The Duke and Duchess of A.T. & T., the Count and Countess
of Citicorp, the Earl of Exxon, and the Marchioness of Avco.
The Duke of Warnaco . . .”*



“Miss Harwood, please see to it that the halls are decked.”



"The accused will kindly be seated, and no, I would not care for a little game of three-card monte."



*"I was indulging in levity, and Mr. Merkel
made me leave the room."*



A Bar in the Wrong Neighborhood



“Don’t you think it’s time you put your jacket on?”





"I know what I want for Christmas! I want one of those itty-bitty toolboxes that have an eentsy-weentsy screwdriver and an eentsy-weentsy hammer and an eentsy-weentsy pair of pliers and on the lid is the cutest eentsy-weentsy beentsy-teentsy tiny little padlock and key!"



"If it isn't Dial-A-Joke, it's Sports Phone. If it isn't Sports Phone, it's Dial Dr. Brothers or the Big Apple Report. And now, if it isn't any of those, it's Dial Santa."



“Momentum is very important. You got momentum?”

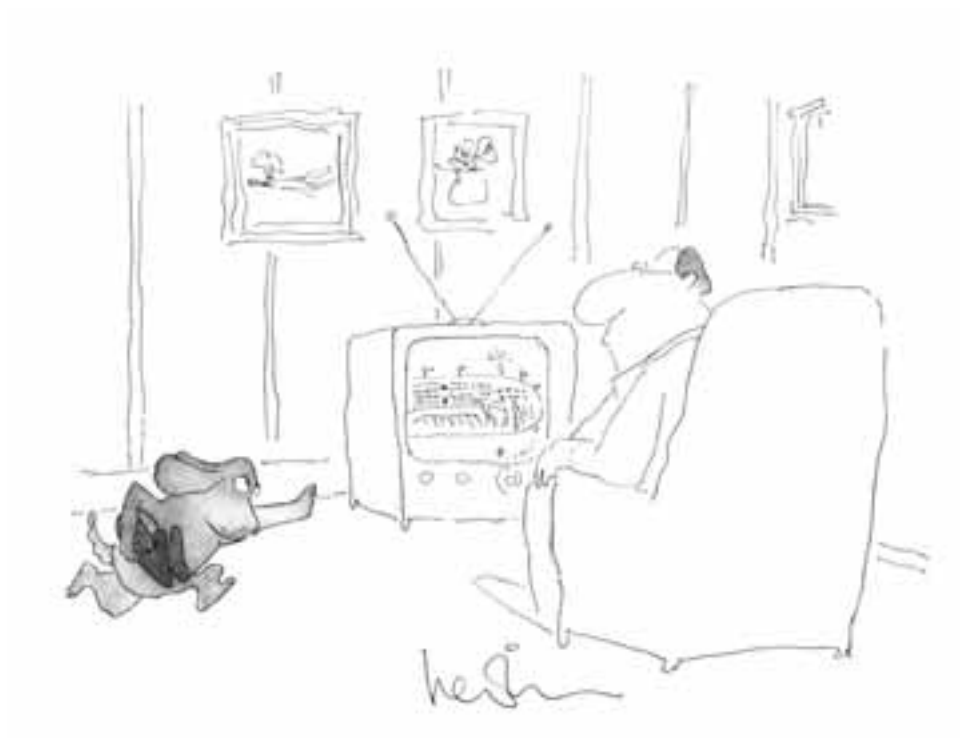


Here They Are





*"We've been married for over thirty years, Margaret.
Just what are we trying to prove?"*





"Thanks. We had a wonderful time, and so did you."



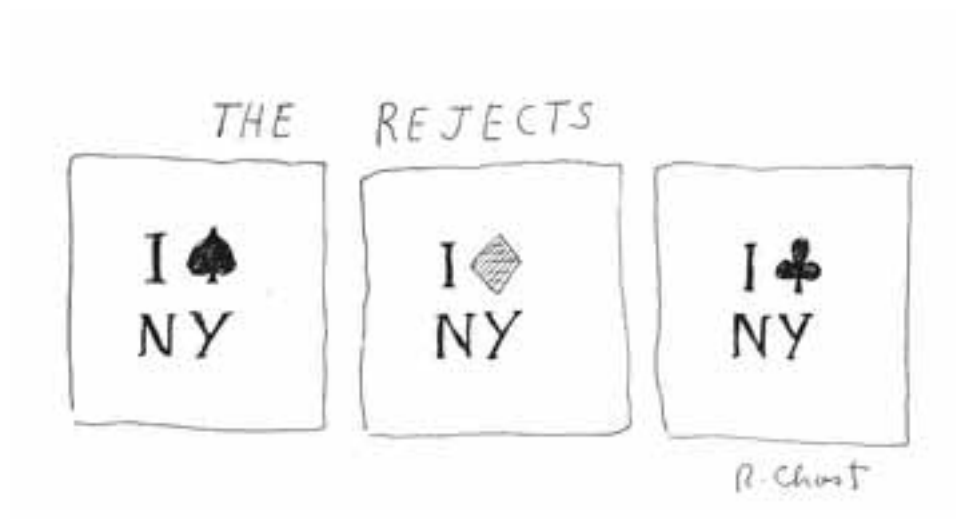
"Frankly, I'm not too happy with the new identities the F.B.I. gave us."



“If he’s so damn popular and charming, why isn’t he on television?”



"Anyone want my olive?"





“Good morning, beheaded—uh, I mean beloved.”



"First a drink, Margaret. Then we'll talk."



*"No cars may be some people's idea of Heaven,
but it's not my idea of Heaven."*



*"It seems like only yesterday we were kids coming
down here to look at the characters."*



“Must you rate everything on a scale of zero to ten?”





*"I'll lay it out for you. We're cutting back, and
we no longer need a dog."*

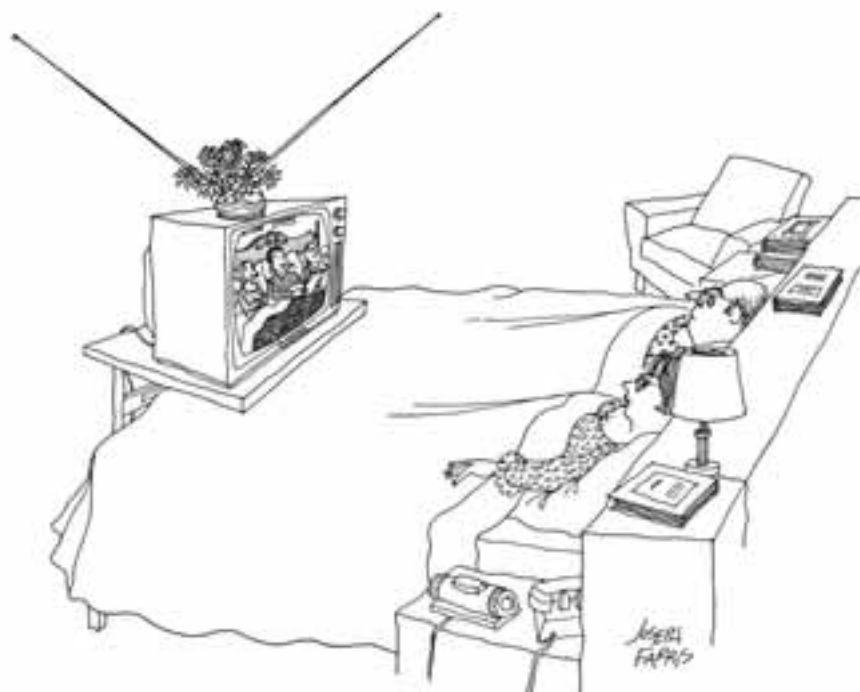


“Over there is Albert, widely known for his self-destructiveness.”



"A million five is the sticker price, so to speak."





"This is Chuck Whartley and the TBC News team signing off."







"Season's greetings from your pet."



*"So sorry, but I'm afraid I must ask you to leave.
You just don't fit in."*







*"To be perfectly honest, when I first met you
I regarded you as a threat."*



"If you don't mind, we can do without the emotional blackmail."



"Gentlemen, I'm afraid the honeymoon is over."



"I'll be in the parlor, eating bread and honey."



"I was born in a trunk at the Morosco Theatre, but, as it turned out, I went into wholesale office supplies."





"This is Rodney's room."





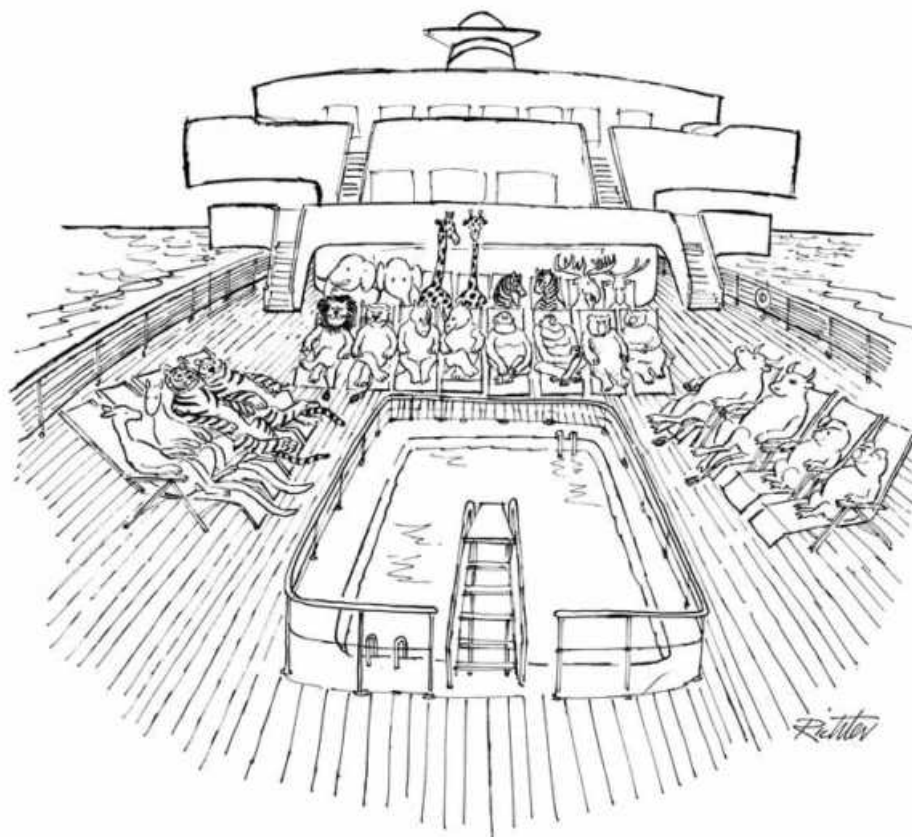
“Attention all department heads: From now on, we’re just going to make small, reliable cars.”





"Someplace where there's not as much of it all as there is here."







"I may be making it, but, by God, there's still a side of me that wants to run off and join the guerrillas in the hills!"



"I just hope 1980 is half as good as 1911."



*"I brought you up here today, son, because I wanted you to get
a feel for the scope of this damned thing."*



"As for me and Bertie here, we will endeavor, in the face of constantly rising costs, to maintain our criteria of excellence. Ain't that right, Bertie?"



“As soon as I get established, I’ll send for you.”



*“Tell me about yourself—your hopes, your dreams.
But, for God’s sake, don’t string it out.”*



"It's not twelve o'clock yet, damn it!"



“What I wouldn’t give to be young and liquid again.”